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Arafat reportedly falls into coma



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Supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat chant slogans Wednesday while holding photos of him with French President Jacques Chirac during a demonstration in Gaza City in the Gaza Strip. Arafat was hospitalized at the Percy Military Teaching Hospital at Clamart outside Paris on Friday after collapsing at his West Bank headquarters in Ramallah.



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat

Disputing reports of death, French doctors say the Palestinian leader is clinging

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States

Maryland courthouse fire: Fire investigators returned Thursday to probe the smoldering remnants of the 123-year-old courthouse in Prince George's County, Md.

Working in a light drizzle, investigators were trying to find evidence that would lead them to the cause of a fire Wednesday morning that destroyed the red-brick building in less than three hours.

The building, known as the Duvall Wing of the courthouse complex, had been undergoing a \$27 million renovation for 18 months. Officials believe there were at least 55 construction workers on the site when the fire began in the roof area.

Santa Monica farmers market crash: An 87-year-old man whose car plowed into a Santa Monica farmers market last year, killing 10 people, was ordered Wednesday to stand trial for manslaughter.

George Russell Weller will be tried on 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, a Los Angeles County judge ruled.

The Santa Monica man is to be arraigned on Nov. 17. Weller, who has pleaded not guilty, could be sentenced to up to 18 years in prison if convicted of all charges.

Weller's attorney, Jim Bianco, told the judge the crash was an accident that occurred when his client hit the gas pedal instead of the brake.

Car-attack case: The attorney for a woman convicted of running over her cheating husband is accused of overcharging her during her murder trial.

Lawyer George Parnham never provided former Friendswood dentist Clara Harris detailed invoices for how he was using extra funds she paid, according to papers filed in the lawsuit Wednesday.

Parnham, according to the filings in Harris County civil court, initially required that Harris pay a \$75,000 fee for representing her at the trial court level.

Michael Jackson case: A judge on Thursday rejected a defense effort to remove the district attorney in the Michael Jackson child molestation case on the grounds that the pop star had been the victim of an overzealous prosecution.

Judge Rodney Medville said the law is clear that the only way he could remove District Attorney Tom Sneddon and his office is "if a conflict existed where the defendant could not receive a fair trial." He said no such conflict existed. "I believe he has not been excessively zealous and has not threat-ened the integrity of the case to this point," the judge said of the prosecutor.

Jackson's lawyer, Thomas Mesereau Jr., said Sneddon and his office had spent more money pursuing Jackson than they had on the cases of serial killers, showing that they had lost perspective.

World

Chechen operations: A top Chechen security official threatened Thursday to conduct new anti-terrorist military operations in the rugged Pankisi Gorge, across the border in neighboring Georgia.



Japan earthquake: Students take shelter under desks at an elementary school in Tokamachi, Japan, on Thursday following a strong earthquake. Northern Japan is still recovering from last month's magnitude-6.8 quake, the Meteorological Agency said. The latest tremor led to at least one injury. More aftershocks are expected, the agency said. Also Thursday, another victim of last month's quake died, bringing the death toll to 39.

Ramzan Kadyrov, who controls a widely feared security force in war-wracked Chechnya, said Georgia must establish order in the border region, according to the Interfax news agency.

"We here in Chechnya are sick and tired of silently watching terrorists being trained and armed in Pankisi and sent to Chechnya," Kadyrov was quoted as saying by Interfax.

U.N. hostages in Afghanistan: Militants claiming to hold three U.N. hostages said Thursday that talks on their demands, including the release of Taliban prisoners, had broken down, and they would decide

Friday whether to kill the trio.
The Jaish-al Muslimene, a shadowy Taliban splinter group, told The Associated
Press that Irish-British hostage Annetta
Flanigan was "seriously ill" because of the
strain of her captivity, and all three were
sickened by a diet of little more than cook-

A purported commander for the group said U.N. and Afghan officials contacted them by telephone Thursday but were "not ready for negotiations."

hory Coast cease-fire: Government warplanes bombed the largest city in Ivory Coast's rebel-held north Thursday, breaking a more than year-old cease-fire in what a government commander called a major drive to reunite the war-divided West African ustion

Air raids on the northern rebel stronghold of Bouake threatened an all-out return to Ivory Coast's civil war — ended by a 2003 peace deal after nine months of fighting. The war left Ivory Coast, the world's top cocoa producer, split in two, with rebels controlling the north.

Union Carbide disaster cleanup: Experts on Thursday urged the removal of thousands of tons of toxic waste from the Union Carbide pesticide plant in central India where a devastating gas leak killed 15,000 people 20 years ago.

The gas leak at the Union Carbide plant in

Madhya Pradesh state capital, Bhopal, was one of the world's worst industrial acci-

At a seminar on the disaster, experts said nearly 25,000 tons of toxic waste remain inside the factory since it stopped operations on December 4, 1984 — a day after lethal methyl isocynate gas leaked into the atmosphere, killing thousands of people and contaminating local water and soil.

Gulf War Syndrome: Britain is testing the health of thousands of soldiers who fought in Iraq, defense officials said Thursday, as research into Gulf War illnesses continues.

The Ministry of Defense has commissioned specialists to survey 7,700 soldiers who took part in the March 2003 Iraq invasion. The troops have been asked to fill out detailed questionnaires on their physical and psychological health, and will be compared against a control group of 10,000 sol-

diers who did not take part in the invasion. A preliminary report by the King's Center for Military Health Research is expected in April 2005.

Business

Erron collapse convictions: Four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives and a former middevel Erron Corp. finance executive have been convicted of conspiracy and fraud in first criminal trial of Enron and Wall Street executives for their role in the energy company's 2001 collapse. The five men were convicted Wednesday of helping push through a bogus year-end 1999 sale of interest in floating power plant barges to the brokerage so Enron could appear to have met earnings targets.

But the jury acquitted a former in-house Enron accountant, Sheila Kahanek, who testified she consistently opposed a verbal promise that the government contended made the deal a loan — that Enron would resell or buy back Merrill's interest within six months.

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2nd term not expected to shake up Pentagon

By SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - With President Bush's re-election, the plans and programs of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, notably transformation of the military and the strategy in Iraq, are ex-

pected to go forward. Rumsfeld, at 72, is "very energetic" and has goals he still wants to accomplish, Pentagon spokesman Lawrence Di Rita told Stars and Strines.

"As far as bringing this department into the 21st century [through] transformation, I think we are closer to the beginning than to the end," Di Rita said.

Rumsfeld will stay for at least another year in order to see through two of his key undertakings: transformation and the war in Iraq, according to Loren Thompson, a defense analyst with the think tank Lexington Institute in Alexandria, Va.

say if [he is] asked, he's willing to stay on for a substantial period of time. The biggest reason is transformation of the military, which is only partially complete, and

feels that it is his legacy as secretary. That's some thing he wants to see through to fruition," Thompson said. "And peoaround

Rumsfeld

say he bethe strategy in Iraq is going to work if given more time, and [he] wants to stick around to prove he was

right. The war in Iraq will dominate foreign policy as the White House seeks to stabilize and secure the country, bring in a self-governing body, boost the economy and then bring home the U.S. troops, Di Rita said. There is no time line and progress will be dictated by circumstances and quashing insurgents, he said.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is in the middle of his second two-year term and plans to serve out the re-mainder of the appointment. which ends Sept. 30, 2005. Typically, chairmen serve only the two two-year terms, an official

Some officials are expecting personnel turnover, including the top civilian service chiefs.

The Army's stand-in secretary for the past 18 months, Deputy Army Secretary Les Brownlee, was not nominated for the top

The White House's nomination went to Francis Harvey, who since January 1999 had served as director of the federal contractor Duratek Inc., was former chief operating officer of Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Industries and Technology Group, and has served on board companies controlled by the Carlyle Group, a pri-

vate investment firm with close ties to the Bush family. His confirmation was stalled in the Senate following his Oct. 6 hearing, but is scheduled to be the first order of business when the Senate reconvenes Nov. 16.

Harvey faced criticism during the hearing from Sen, Jack Reed. D-R.I., a member of the Armed Services Committee, over boosting troop strength, which Reed favors. Harvey was noncommittal during the hearing.

Harvey was nominated Sept. 14, nearly five months after former Secretary Thomas White abruptly resigned in April after repeated sparring with Rumsfeld. But the process was bumpy. The first nominee, Air Force Secretary James Roche, withdrew his nomination because of controversy over plans to lease Boeing refu-

eling tankers. Roche also has faced controversy and friction with top leadership, but wants to serve at the will

of the president, said Lt. Col. Will Nichols, his spokesman 'He's taking a wait-and-see approach at what plans the administration has.

Navy Secretary Gordon En-gland remains happy to serve as the Navy's top civilian leader, said his spokesman, Capt. Kevin

Wensing.
Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, was confirmed by the Senate on July 8 for a two-year term. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, is slated to leave his job in September after completing the allotted four-year term. Army Chief of Staff Peter Schoomaker took the reins in August 2003.

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Naples base is backdrop for Vesuvius film

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Strine

NAPLES, Italy - Naples is famous for its good food, bad traffic and beautiful location.

But it's also famous for its nearby neighbor, the volcano Mount Vesuvius

A British Broadcasting Corp. film crew was at Naval Support Activity Naples on Wednesday, filming a segment for an upcoming BBC/Discovery Channel documentary on the volcano, which is about 5 miles from the base.

The crew filmed two segments during the day.

It opened with the morning flag-raising ceremony, which, from the crew's rooftop location, gives viewers a good look at how close Vesuvius is to the base.

It also taped base commander Capt. Dave Frederick. who gave an overview on what options the base could enact if the volcano erupts again.

Base officials have emergency plans in case an eruption or another natural disaster hits the area, and all base personnel and family members are briefed on the possibility of a Vesuvius eruption on their arrival Vesuvius last erupted in 1944, and, according to the Dis-

covery Channel Web site, is one of the world's most dangerous volcanoes, with more than 500,000 people living within a 4-mile danger zone between the volcano and the Bay of Naples.

"It's shown in its past history that it can be particularly dangerous," said vulcanologist Victoria Bruce, who accompanied the crew during its 10 days in the Naples area.

The base, she said, "definitely could be in the path of a



A BBC crew tapes the morning flag-raising ceremony Wednesday at Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, as the sun rises over Mount Vesuvius, in distance. The crew was filming for a joint BBC/Discovery Channel documentary on the volcano.

major eruption of Vesuvius. In that case, I hope they have a good plan of action. The documentary is expected to run on the Discovery

Channel in February, following a documentary-drama on the last days of Pompeii, the nearby city destroyed by Ve-

"Our show ... gives the 'lowdown' on what's happening

now: what the volcano is doing, what the authorities are doing and what the Americans are doing." Bruce said.

Bruce holds a master's degree in vulcanology from the University of California at Riverside and has previously worked on other volcanoes near large cities, including Mount Rainier near Seattle.

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Soldier gets 10 months for missing movement, disrespect

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

A soldier is serving 10 months in jail after pleading guilty at a court-martial last month to missing movement and disrespect toward commissioned and noncommissioned officers.

Snc Chance McDonald 25 of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery Regiment in Bamberg, Germany, also was reduced in rank to private and given a bad-conduct discharge at the Oct. 22 hearing

In April 2004, McDonald, who was deployed to Iraq, went on emergency leave when his half-brother died suddenly. Mc-Donald was scheduled to return to his unit on April 24, but went drinking instead, deliberately missing movement, according to a summary provided by the legal office in

Less than two weeks later, he became angry during a physical training formation because there was a shortage of training rifles, the summary stated. At the time, he was disrespectful to two NCOs and his rear detachment commander

He was placed in pre-trial confinement

McDonald was sentenced to 14 months

agreement for his guilty plea, he will serve no more than 10 months in jail, minus 141

days of pre-trial confinement.

Judge (Col.) Stephanie Browne asked the convening authority to waive forfei-

tures of pay and allowances for six months. The case now goes to the convening authority for review and action.

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NATO starts 1st course training Iraqi officials

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Strines

ARLINGTON, Va. - NATO's eight-day "pilot program" to train senior Iraqi securi ty officials in Norway is under way and the alliance has already carved out space on its calendar for more, according to British Army Major-General James Short.

Short, acting commander of NATO's Joint Warfare Center in Stavanger. Norway. told reporters Thursday that while NATO of ficials are waiting for Iraqi officials to request another class, "there is a slot on the calendar next spring" at the center should such a request be rendered.

The make-up of any future classes is not known. Short said.

"This is a pilot course, and we are very

much feeling our way," Short said.

The so-called Iraqi Key Leader training course, the first time NATO has participated in training Iraqis outside Iraq, is focusing on "civilian and military relationships and how the various parties can work to

gether to solve problems." Short said. Classes began Nov. 1 and have proved a success, Short said, with the Iraqis "very keen to learn and ask[ing] very interesting and challenging questions.

But security in Iraq is so tenuous that one participant declined to offer his name and even whether he was civilian or military.

"We want to go back home and serve our country, not go back home and get killed ... or kidnapped," the official said through a translator

The Iraqi official said one of the biggest obstacles to calming the security situation "is a lack of coordination between senior officials all over Iraq

"A lot of wrong decisions were made from various sides," the official said.

As a result, improvements in security "are slow and getting slower," the Iraqi official said. "People are starting to lose confidence in the process.

At the same time, the official said, "we have confidence in Prime Minister [Ayad Allawi] and the interim government We hope that if we establish the security forces on the right basis, we will be able" to get security under control.

The eight days of classes, Short said, in-

clude a series of lectures, along with exercises in problem solving and a final exercise that combines all of the lessons learned.

Lt. Cmdr. Joe Carpenter, a Pentagon spokesman compared the course to a senior-level U.S. military course such as Capstone, which is a short class offered to new general officers right after they pin on their first star, teaching them the fine points of working with other government agencies

and even the media. NATO's training inside Iraq now includes 60 officers and noncommissioned officers from 10 NATO countries, according to a fact sheet issued by the alliance.

NATO continues to refuse to conduct combat operations in Iraq, however.

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Germany planning to close down 105 bases

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Strines

HEIDELBERG, Germany While U.S. officials work on plans for massive closures of U.S. military bases in Germany in the coming years, the German military is preparing its own infrastructure downsiz

The German military will close 105 installations, leaving fewer than 400 bases through out the country, according to a report in the International Herald Tribune.

"This is not an easy decision for me," German defense min-ister Harold Struck said at a news conference this week, ac-cording to the Tribune.

As with the U.S. military's base closure plans — both at home and aboard — the Ger-man cuts are designed to save money and streamline the armed forces.

German officials are plan-ning to cut the military from 285,000 to 250,000 troops, the Tribune report stated.

The remaining German military is to be split into a 35,000-strong force of highly trained combat soldiers, backed up by an additional 70,000 troops intended primarily for long-term peacekeeping missions. The remaining forces will be used for homeland defense

Struck is faced with a dwindling military budget — last year down to 1.4 percent of the gross domestic product - and said the closures are expected to save about \$150 million, according to the newspaper.

Meanwhile, Struck said the final plans for U.S. reductions in Germany will be announced this summer

The Pentagon intends to close dozens of U.S. bases in the country while relocating both of its heavy divisions now based in Germany to the United States

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Ramstein airmen prepare C-130s for Darfur deployment





PHOTOS BY AARON RUBGSTEIN/Courteeu of LLS. Air F

Above: Senior Airman Bradley Judd, left, and Airman 1st Class Figueroa Torres, from the 746 Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, prepare a C-130 prop for replacement in Djibouti. Air Force members from Ramstein, Germany, are in Africa to ferry African-nation troops into the Darfur region of Sudan.

Left: Staff Sergeant Nate Schamberger, of the 746 Expetionary Maintenance Squadron, inspects a C-130 engine before removing the prop. Removing and repairing the 1,200-pound prop took the maintenance team 12 hours.

Lakenheath airman sentenced to 3 months

RAF LAKENHEATH, England - An airman at RAF Lakenheath. England, was sentenced to three months' confinement and given a bad-conduct discharge after pleading guilty to using Ecstasy Airman 1st Class Danielle Deckard of the 48th Component Mainte-

nance Squadron entered the plea during a court-martial at the base Tuesday. Deckard was charged with using the drug, which is classified as a

controlled substance, on various occasions between March 1 and June 1 at or near the base. The judge also reduced Deckard to the rank of airman basic.

DECA scholarship for military children

The Defense Commissary Agency is accepting applications for the 2005 Scholarships for Military Children program.

At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants, according to DECA news re-

Unmarried children under the age of 21, or up to 23 if enrolled in college, of active-duty personnel, Reserve, National Guard and retired servicemembers can pick up an application at local commissaries or online at www.militaryscholar.org.

Applications, which must include an essay on how the heightened awareness of terrorism has impacted the student's life, are due by

Applicants must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Since the program began five years ago, the Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded 2,000 scholarships totaling \$3 million, according to the DECA statement.

From staff reports

U.S. jets hit Fallujah ahead of offensive

Rebels threaten to strike oil targets if attack proceeds

BY ROBERT H. REID The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - U.S. forces pounded parts of Fallujah from the air and ground Thursday, targeting insurgents in a city where American forces were said to be gearing up for a major offensive. Three British soldiers were killed in an attack by guerrillas as they natrolled in central Iraq

Al-Jazeera television broadcast a threat by an unspecified armed group to strike oil installations government buildings if Americans launch an all-out assault on Fallujah. The report was accompanied by a videotape showing about 20 armed men brandishing various weapons, including a truck-mounted machine gun.

The attack that killed the three British soldiers Thursday also left a civilian Iraqi interpreter dead and eight British troops wounded said It Cmdr Ahmed Aiala a British military spokesman in Basra

The British soldiers were part of an 850-strong unit who were deployed closer to Baghdad last week to allow U.S. Marines to reposition in Anbar province, home of guerrilla strongholds of Fallujah, Ramadi, Hit and Husaybah

Early Thursday, U.S. aircraft fired on several barricaded rebel positions in northeast and southeastern Fallujah, the military said. Later in the day, U.S. artil lery batteries fired two to three dozen 155 mm shells at insurgent bastions in the city, the military

Insurgents and U.S. forces also clashed briefly Thursday in Ramadi, west of Fallujah, but there were no U.S. casualties, the mili-

tary added.

The fresh action followed over-



Marines of the 1st Division pass by a wall painting of an Iraqi army soldier during training Thursday in a former Iraqi army barrack outside Fallujah, Iraq. U.S. forces are preparing for a major offensive in Fallujah and other Sunni militant strongholds in hopes of curbing the insurgency ahead of January's election.

night fighting on the southeastern outskirts of Falluiah after insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at Marines. Two insurgents were killed, while no U.S. casualties were reported, said Lt. Nathan Braden, of 1st Marine Di-

vision. Hospital officials in Fallujah reported three civilians were injured in the overnight shelling. U.S. forces are preparing for a

major offensive in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, and other Sunni militant strongholds in hopes of curbing the insurgency ahead of January's election

An Iraqi National Guard patrol was hit Thursday by a car bomb in Iskandariyah, an insurgent hot spot 30 miles south of Baghdad. killing three people and wounding 15, Iraqi hospital officials

A suicide car bomber killed three and wounded nine others when his explosive-laden vehicle

harreled into the city government offices in Dujail, 46 miles north of the capital, police said.

On Wednesday, a U.S. soldier was killed and another wounded in a roadside hombing 12 miles south of the capital. A suicide driver detonated his vehicle at a checkpoint near Baghdad airport, injuring nine Iraqis and forcing U.S. troops to close the main route for hours

Gunmen killed a senior Oil Ministry official, Hussein Ali al-Fattal, after he left his house in the Yarmouk district of Baghdad, police said. Al-Fattal was the general manager of a state-owned company that distributes petroleum byproducts.

The violence served as a grim reminder of Iraq's rapidly deteriorating security situation, which President Bush must address now that he has been re-elected

On Thursday Al-Jazeera aired video of three Jordanian truck drivers taken hostage by a militant group calling itself Jaish al-Islam, or Army of Islam. The men appealed to their country to warn its citizens against working with coalition forces in Iraq. Al-Jazeera said, although their voices were not audible on the

They were part of a convoy of seven truckers who came under attack Tuesday near Fallujah, according to an official at the Jordanian Truckers Association. One of the drivers was killed in the attack, two others are still missing and a fourth man escaped, he said

More than 170 foreigners have been kidnapped and more than 30 of them - including three Americans and a Briton - killed in Iraq since Saddam Hussein's regime

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,123 members of the U.S. military have died since the begin-ning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 860 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department as of Wednesday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Depart-ment's tally, last updated Wednesday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has re ported 70 deaths; Italy, 19; Po land, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 985 U.S. military members have died, ac-cording to AP's count. That in-cludes at least 751 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-bers as of Wednesday.

The latest deaths reported by the military

A soldier was killed Wednesday in a roadside bombing 12 miles south of Baghdad

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No identifications report-

fell in April 2003.

Another militant group the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, posted a videotape on a Web site showing the beheading of man it said was an Iraqi army major captured in

U.S., Iraqis prepare new administration for Fallujah

By JIM KRANE

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq -U.S. commanders plan to use a mix of Marines, Army soldiers and Iraqi fighters to drive militants out of Fallujah, and Iraqi authorities have already put together a team of Iraqi administrators to run the city after the fighting is over, a U.S. official said Thursday.

American forces are gearing up for a major assault on the in surgent bastion 40 miles west of Baghdad if interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi issues the order.

Maj. Jim West, an intelligence

officer with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said the ground attack would include American Marines and Army soldiers as members of the U.S.-trained Iraqi security force.

Once the fighting was over, the interim Iraqi government would send in a team of administrators hard-line clerics who took control after the Marines called off a three-week siege in April.

"The IIG [interim Iraqi government] is establishing a government to take over Falluiah." West said. "It's an Iraqi government" which would enter the city "just as soon as it's safe for those peo ple to come back in."

West said \$75 million had already been earmarked to repair the city once Iraqi government control has been re-established. The plan is similar to one used in Najaf when U.S. troops restored authority government weeks of fighting with radical Shi-

West said efforts were still under way to resolve the standoff peacefully. Allawi has demanded the city hand over foreign fighters whom Fallujah leaders insist aren't there.

ite militiamen last August.

West said U.S. officials expect the militants to employ standard tactics they have used against American troops, including trying to draw them "into a soft spot" rigged with improvised bombs, adding "we're prepared



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U.S.-issued uniforms selling at Iraq bazaar

AAFES spokesman says some of the items may have been stolen

AAFES or bought by

servicemembers do

show up on local

economies.

Lt. Col. Steve Boylan

Military spokesman

BY WARD SANDERSON Stars and Stripes

Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — A bazaar in Baghdad's perilous downtown sells U.S. military uniforms at discount prices. One shop displayed about 40 U.S. desert

camouflage uniforms, along with beige boots, headgear and backpacks. At least one backpack still had an Army and Air Force Exchange Ser-

vice tag affixed to it.

An entire outfit,
boots and backpack
included, could be
had for about \$55 —
about half the original cost of legitimate
boots alone.

The sales take on a sinister air considering the deaths of about 50 members of the Iraqi National Guard found shot in

the head, execution-style, on Oct. 24 some 95 miles east of the capital. The unarmed troops, destined for home leave, had apparently stopped at a checkpoint manned by terrorists dressed as police, officials have said.

The Baghdad market also sold local uniforms of the same type issued to the executed Iraqis.

A U.S. military spokesman, Tech. Sgt. Eric Grill, said he was unaware the uniforms were circulating, but would alert the chain of command.

Another spokesman, Lt. Col. Steve Boylan, said military items routinely appear in local markets abroad. He said it was no different at his previous post in the Far East.

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"Things destined for AAFES or bought
by servicemembers do show up on local
economies," Boylan said. "Sometimes
they're thrown away. Sometimes they're

n Army and Air He said Internet sites sold similar equipment, as did surplus stores in the United States.

An AAFES spokesman, Maj. Dave Accetta, said some of the items may have been stolen from exchange trucks or convoy shipments, but had no details regarding the merchandise in Iraq. One exchange employee in

Iraq said this past summer, a single such robbery resulted in the loss of \$85,000 in merchandise.

The bazaar hawking the uniforms, Bab Al Sharji, is dubbed a "thieves market" by locals. Customers watch their wallets while perusing the wares. The video vendor sells copies of beheadings of foreigners in Fallujah alongside pornography. The optics vendor sells U.S. military night-vision

The precise origin of the U.S. uniforms was unclear. Some had no patches. At least one was marked as if it had originated with the Kuwaiti military, but its inside tag



ARD SANDERSON/Stars and Stri

U.S. military-style uniforms such as this are sold at Baghdad's dangerous downtown bazaar. This uniform, including a new Army and Air Force Exchange Service backpack, were all purchased for about \$55.

showed it was otherwise identical to U.S. issue. Hats and trousers, too, were of standard American design. Boots looked like U.S. desert models, but were tagged with a Middle Eastern company name. A Bugout Gear Frag Bag backpack was clearly marked as new merchandise intended for sale at an AAFES base store.

The uniform vendor said many of his items are purchased by Kurds. When asked where his military outfits originate, the salesman was more vague. "There are people supplying this stuff to

us." he said.

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Army catamaran turns a few heads in Djibouti

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Strines

PORT OF DJIBOUTI, Djibouti

— It looks like something Batman
would drive.

The new TSV-1X brought cargo Wednesday for the troops at Camp Lemonier, but it also gave people at the dock a look at the future of the U.S. military at sea. It's expeditionary and, in this case, it's Army.

"At any port we go to, everybody is watching this boat," said 5gt. Jim Lazowski of Arlington Heights, Ill., one of the navigators of the experimental, high-speed catamaran.

While the ship, named the Spearhead, is new, it already has been to war.

In March 2003, it delivered a company from the 101st Airborne Division—157 soldiers with vehicles and gear—to Kuwait during the buildup for Operation Iraqi

"They rolled off the ship ready to go," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Patrick May, the boat's captain.



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The TSV-1X "Spearhead" pulls into the Port of Djibouti on Wednesday with 14 containers of supplies for Camp Lemonier. The high-speed theater support vessel was bringing the supplies in from Bahrain.

"In less than four hours, they were ready to get rolling north into Iraa."

That's the idea of the TSV, or theater support vessel, May said. The boats are being built to deliver whole companies intact to wherever they need to be, so they can join the fight quickly.

The Spearhead is capable of transporting one company, but future versions —12 are scheduled to be built by 2011 — will be bigger and able to transport two full companies instead of just one, May said. They also will have

landing pads for helicopters.

The current version is 320 feet

long and 87 feet wide. It is jet-propelled by four, 10,000-horsepower diesel engines and reaches a top speed of 42 knots per hour. The ship is capable of carrying 800 tons of cargo and fuel.

Of course, fully loaded it takes a little longer to reach full speed, according to Staff Sgt. Paula Buckley of Denton, Texas.

She added that even though the crew sleeps four to a room, the four-inch mattresses help take the sting out of long stints at sea. "It's a pretty comfy ride." Buckley said. "The waves kind of rock you to sleep."

The crew of 32 soldiers, who belong to the 469th Transportation Detachment, is from Fort Eustis, Va. But they're not home very

The Spearhead already has logged more than 110,000 miles in less than two years at sea. On its 2½-day voyage from Bahrain to Dijbouti, the ship transported a careo hold filled with supplies.

mostly food, for the troops at Camp Lemonier. About 1.500 U.S. troops are sta-

About 1,500 U.S. troops are stationed in Djibouti, a small country in eastern Africa located across a narrow strait from the Arabian Peninsula.

The strait, which connects the Suez Canal and Red Sea with the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean, is an important lane for international shipping. At 17 miles wide, it is also an ideal place for terrorists in a fast boat to cross from the Middle East in order to set up shop in Africa.

The U.S. military established a base at Camp Lemonier in May 2003. It is manned by members of the Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force. Perhaps the most interesting thing about the Spearhead is to paint job — gray with black trim and the word "Army" in big black letters. "Most people in the boats, let alone something like this," May said. "It's a very sexy looking boat."

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IN THE STATES

Bush outlines his 2nd-term agenda

BY JENNIFER LOVEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A minority president no more, President Bush sketched a second-term agenda Thursday that includes fighting the worldwide war on terror and seeking tax overhaul and

fundamental changes in Social Security at home.
"Twe earned capital in this election, and I'm going to spend it for what I've told the people I'd spend it on," he said.

Asked by a reporter about troop strength in Iraq and whether tour extensions for those now serving in Iraq were in the offing, the President said he had not yet received requests from battlefield commanders for more troops, beyond 6,500 soldiers who were told last week that they

would be staying.

Bush also pledged to pursue
the foreign policy that was a flashpoint in the presidential campaign and has sparked criticism
by some American allies in Eu-

Told by a reporter that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had died, Bush said he intended to "continue to work for a free Palestinian state that's at neace with Is-

rael." Later reports said that Arafat, in a coma in Paris, was still alive.

Bush sidestepped questions about changes in his Cabinet and potential vacancies in the Supreme Court, where Chief Justice William Rehnquist recently disclosed he was undergoing treat-

ment for thyroid cancer.

Changes are widely expected in both, possibly at the Justice Department and State Department.

Bush fielded questions after se-

curing re-election in a campaign framed by the war in Iraq and economic issues at home. Nearly complete returns gave him 51 per-

cent of the popular vote — a contrast to 2000, when he lost the popular vote but won the Electoral

For the second straight day, he pledged to reach out to those who opposed his re-election.

"The campaign over, Americans are expecting a bipartisan effort and results. I will reach out to everyone who shares our goals," he said.

The president began his day by meeting with his Cabinet. After the news conference, he looked ahead to a weekend trip to Camp David, where he said he would consider personnel changes for the second term.

Ashcroft likely to leave post

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft is likely to leave his post before the start of President George W. Bush's second term, senior aides said Thurs-

Ashcroft, 62, is described as exhausted from leading the Justice Department in fighting the domestic war on terror since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Stress was a factor in Ashcroft's health problems earlier this year.

Ashcroft is expected to resign before Bush's Jan. 20 inauguration, said aides who spoke only on condition of anonymity. They said there is a small chance he would stay on, at least for a short time, if Bush asked him. The attorney general has not officially informed his staff of his future plans.

Names that have been floated in recent weeks as a possible replacement include Ashcroft's former deputy, Larry Thompson, who would become the first black attorney general. Others include Marc Racicot, who was Bush's campaign manager, and White House general counsel Alberto Gonzalez, who is Hisnanic.

Bush has mandate, but Powell looks like lame duck



Secretary of State Colin Powell, left, has dodged questions about his future in President Bush's administration.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell has been evasive about his future, skirting questions about the timing of his widely expected departure after four rough-and-tumble years as America's chief diplomat.

In dozens of interviews, Powell has dismissed questions about his plans by saying with a smile, "I serve at the pleasure of the president"

Powell has long been considered to be a one-term secretary of state, irrespective of whether Bush was re-elected. Speculation has been rife for months about possible successors in a second Bush

term. Among those mentioned are national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and U.N. Ambassador

Last July, Bush suggested during an appearance in Philadelphia that he would be happy if Powell were to remain on. During a September interview with The Associated Press, Powell was asked whether he considered Bush's comment to be an invitation for

him to stay on.
"Time will tell. We will see,"
Powell replied.
One possibility would be for

One possibility would be for Powell to stay on for a brief period until after the national elections in Iraq, which are supposed to be held before the end of January

Sen. Edwards' wife has breast cancer

The Associated Pres

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards, was diagnosed with breast cancer the day her husband and Sen. John Kerry conceded the presidential race.

Spokesman David Ginsberg said Mrs. Edwards, 55, discovered a lump in her right breast while on a campaign trip last week. Her family doctor told her Friday that it appeared to be cancerous and advised her to see a specialist when she could.

She put off the appointment until Wednesday so as to not miss campaign time.

Mrs. Edwards had a needle bi-

opsy performed at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where Dr. Barbara Smith confirmed the cancer, Ginsberg

He said the cancer was diagnosed as invasive ductal cancer. That is the most common type

of breast cancer, and can spread from the milk ducts to other parts of the breast or beyond. More tests were being done to

More tests were being done to determine how far the cancer has advanced and how to treat it, he said.

Edwards, who leaves his North Carolina Senate seat in January, said in a statement, "Elizabeth is as strong a person as I've ever known. Together, our family will beat this "



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Gay marriage supporters not discouraged by vote

BY ELIZABETH MEHREN Los Angeles Times

successful efforts to amend 11 state constitutions to ban same-sex marriage has energized both sides of the highly contentious issue

Defenders of traditional marriage say voters' resounding sup port for state measures that limit marriage to a union between a man and a woman proves that a federal marriage amendment is inevitable

Advocates of gay and lesbian marriage sounded equally determined Wednesday as they vowed to move ahead with efforts to legalize same- sex marriage in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and, very likely within the next year, California.

With five new Republican senators elected Tuesday, opponents of same-sex marriage maintain, an amendment to the U.S. Constitution could be introduced and conceivably passed as soon as the next congressional session.

"We are very encouraged," said Carrie Gordon Earll, spokesperson for Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colo. "Basically, what the people said [Tuesday] was: Don't mess with mar-

But Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in New York, said the vote was only round one of a very long fight. "This is not going to shut down the debate in any way. The debate and the fight will go on."

The 11 states that passed constitutional amendments Tuesday joined seven others that earlier adopted measures to define mar riage as an exclusively heterosexual institution.

The votes Tuesday against same-sex marriage were clear

Two key races still unresolved

Major election races nation wide that remained unresolved Thursday:

■ Iowa — President: Presi dent Bush held a slim lead with several thousand absentee and provisional ballots still to be counted, likely not until early next week. State officials said that up to 50,000 absentee ballots issued to voters had not yet been returned. More than 13.000 provisional ballots had been identified.

■ Washington Republican state Sen. Dino Rossi and Democratic Attor-ney General Christine Gregoire remained optimistic as election officials across Wash ington state began counting an estimated 900,000 absentee ballots. Gregoire led by fewer than 15,000 votes, 980,190 to 965,867, a difference of less than 1 percentage point.

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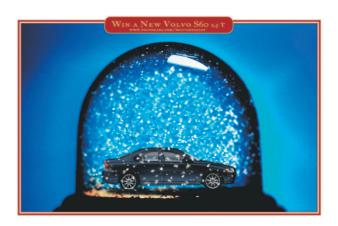
In Mississippi, the amendment von 86 percent support; Georgia, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kentucky all polled at least 75 percent support for their amendments, and North Dakota came

to that figure. In Montana and Utah, at least two-thirds of voters supported the amendment in Ohio, the figure was 62 percent, and in Michigan, 59 percent The vote was closest in Oregon where 57 percent approved the



Sarah Tomchesson. left, waits with her partner, Gene de Haan, as she is consoled by her father on the nhone after learning that Oregon voters passed a constitutional amendment banning gav marriage.

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Kerry's future unclear

Democratic party is fractured after also losing leader Daschle

Chicago Tribune

BOSTON - Sen. John Kerry and his aides thought he would be spending the morning after Election Day preparing to take over the presidency

Instead, he found himself deciding whether to wage a court battle with the state of Ohio, and facing an uncertain politi-

With his candidacy nearly left for dead more than once on his way to this moment, Kerry ended his quest for the White House able to brag that he had won 4 million more votes than any other Democratic presidential candidate

His closest advisers say that accomplishment will allow him to return to the Senate as a statesman and a leader, someone who can unite a fractured party left leaderless by the defeat of Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota

Still unclear is whether Kerry might try to replace Daschle as Democratic leader Aides said it is too early to tell but that other options are under consideration, such as forming a think tank or a leadership PAC.
Most important, advisers said, Kerry

wants to remain a voice for the middle

"I will never forget you and I'll never stop fighting for you," Kerry promised Wednesday as he conceded the election to President Bush inside the cradle of democ-

racy, Faneuil Hall, "I did my best to express my vision and my hopes for America." he told supporters in the old civic meetinghouse, standing

"Liberty and Union Now and Forever

Kerry pulled the plug on his presidential quest late Wednesday morning after con ferring with advisers who had concluded there was no way for him to win mathematically despite the lawyers' push to litigate.

In the days leading up to the election, Kerry and his aides believed they would win based on polling from battleground states. And on Election Day, early exit polls suggested Kerry was on his way to victory, but as Florida began to slip away the mood turned grim.

"It's a very difficult election to understand," said Tad Devine, one of Kerry's senior strategists, citing the Democratic nominee's wide margins with independent and women voters, usually a formula for suc-

Campaign officials were disheartened because of the promising exit polls.

In the closing hours of the campaign, Kerry had seemed confident of victory, sure of his message, and serene as the finish line came into view.

But Kerry the candidate and his campaign had had a multitude of problems.

He demonstrated a humorless intensity, and struggled to come across as likable and warm. On the stump, he was uneven, often providing his audiences with elaborate policy prescriptions that gave little opportunity for applause.

So caught up was he in the nuance of his ideas that Kerry often gave ammunition to his opponent, contradicting himself as he thought aloud.

His campaign organization also was



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., waves outside Faneuil Hall on Wednesday after delivering his concession speech in Boston.

beset with problems, and his campaigns have always been messy affairs.

Still, by the campaign's end, Kerry had begun connecting with voters in a way that had often eluded him earlier

In Xenia, Ohio, Michael Adams stood up in the high school gymnasium and told vot ers how it felt to lose his job at the Delphi manufacturing plant. He described what it was like to cash out his retirement plan to pay for household bills. And he told the rapt crowd why he had decided to vote for

Later, when a woman asked Kerry to name his hero, he reeled off several, including Christopher Reeve, the late actor and advocate for medical research. Then he paused, and with some emotion, added one more name: "People like Michael Adams. People who overcome adversity. People who show courage every single day in this country and often aren't recognized for it. There are a whole bunch of folks who are working against odds."

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Potential candidates line up for 2008 run at White House

BY TOM RAUM The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Even as Democrats lick their wounds and Republicans bask in President second-term victory, would-be presidential candidates for 2008 already are maneuvering for position.

"You can be disappointed, but you cannot walk away. This fight has just begun," Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards told party loyalists in Bos-ton on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee was first out of the box among prospective GOP candidates with a "victotour" of the South to showcase victorious Republican Senate can-didates from the region.

Almost as soon as the curtain dropped on the 2004 presidential race, one was raised on the 2008 contest.

The next presidential cycle will be wide open on both sides. And while the incumbent's vice president is usually the favored next-up nominee, Vice President Dick Cheney, 63 with a history of heart disease, has ruled out a run for president.

Sen. John Kerry could run again. But Democrat Al Gore, the

2000 nominee, found the comeback trail a difficult one. Kerry's defeat and concession

speech Wednesday cleared the way for 2008 runs by both Ed-wards, now a senator from North Carolina, and Sen. Hi Rodham Clinton of New York Hillary

Clinton, who could have been sidelined until 2012 with a Kerry-Edwards victory and re-election in 2008, is now front and center among would-be Democratic contenders

Other Democrats who might seek the presidential nomination in four years include Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana and Govs. Rod Blagojevich of Illinois and Tom Vilsack of Iowa. And, up and coming, perhaps for a presidential bid down the road, if not in 2008, is Il-linois' Barack Obama, who will be the only black member of the Senate when he is sworn into of-

fice in January. There's no shortage of potential

Republican candidates, either. Besides Frist, the lineup in-cludes Sens. John McCain of Arizona, George Allen of Virginia, Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. Also, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and at least two governors - Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and George Pataki of New York.

Peterson trial in jury's hands

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF The Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - Jurors in the Scott Peterson murder case began deliberating whether the former fertilizer salesman killed his pregnant wife, and will remain sequestered until they can decide between a conviction based on largely circumstantial evidence or an acquittal that accepts the defense's theory of a possible frame-up.

The panel, which has sat through more than five months of testimony, met for more than four hours Wednesday before retiring for the day. They were to continue deliberations Thursday morning.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi sent the panelists into the jury room after about 45 minutes of instructions. Delucchi plans to keep the jury sequestered until it reaches a verdict.

Prosecutors claim Peterson strangled or smothered his wife. Laci, on Dec. 23 or 24, 2002, then dumped her weighted body into San Francisco Bay. Her badly decomposed remains and those of the fetus were discovered four months later, not far from where Peterson claims to have been fish-ing alone the day she vanished.

Defense lawyers claim some one else abducted and killed the Modesto woman, then placed the bodies in the water.

The jury as has two choices should it decide to convict first-degree murder, carrying a possible death sentence or life without parole, and second-de-gree murder, carrying two sentences of 15 years to life

need two things: expressed mal-ice and intent to kill and premedi-Delucchi told jurors. "Then you also have second-degree murder," a lesser charge the judge added after finding there was ample evidence to support a case that did not involve prior planning.

The trial began with jury selection in March, and opening state-ments were in June.

Prosecutors argued in their final remarks to jurors Wednesday that it is "ridiculous

think

would

someone would frame the former fertilizer salesman by hiding the bay, hoping they one day be discovered.

defense lawyers suggested. 'You can't have a reasonable doubt on an unreasonable interpretation of the evidence," prosecutor Rick Distaso said in his rebuttal to the defense closing argu-

Defense lawyer Mark Geragos has conceded all along that Peterson, who was having an affair at the time Laci vanished, is a liar and a cheat. But he said he shouldn't be convicted of murder.

"You're not supposed to just decide this case on whether or not you like Scott Peterson," Geragos

Subway cars collide in D.C.



A subway car lies on top of another one after a train collision at the Woodley Park-National 7on Metro station in Washington on Wednesday. The crash, which injured at least 20 people, happened just after a loaded six-car train pulled into the station. It was struck moments later by an empty six-car train traveling in reverse down the same track.

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25 years later, former hostages reflect

McLEAN, Va. - In the minds of many, terrorists struck their first blow against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. But others look back exactly a quarter-century ago, on Nov. 4, 1979, when 66 Americans were taken hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Iran.

Most remained in captivity for 444 days. Today, reflecting on their experiences through the prism of 9/11, the war in Iraq and two decades of tumultuous relations with the Middle East, many say the United States was too late to recognize that a new era had

"The day they took us is the day they should have started the war on terrorism," said Rodney "Rocky" Sickmann, 47, of St Louis County, Mo., an embassy security guard.

Many agree that terrorists were emboldened by their success in the Iran hostage crisis -

but the U.S. government agreed to release \$8 billion in frozen Iranian assets - and see the kidnap pings and beheadings in Iraq as a consequence.

"Given the terrorist modus operandi nowadays, we probably wouldn't come out alive. They weren't as bold then. They had a latent fear of the United States," said Chuck Scott, 72, of Jonesboro, Ga., a former Green Beret in Vietnam who was an Army colonel when he was taken hos

Steven Kirtley, 47, of McLean, who was a Marine security guard at the embassy, said that while he's grateful everybody survived, he's also angry about what he sees as America's largely ineffectual response to the hostage-takers. He called the episode "a stepping stone to get that terrorist movement going. It was such a terrible loss of face ... such a show of weakness that I still don't think we've recovered."

Fifty-two of the hostages were held for the entire 444 days. Of those, 11 have since died

William Blackburn Royer Jr., 73, of Katy, Texas, remembers being jolted awake by the screams of his captors, "herded like cattle" into another room, stripped naked and forced up against a wall in front of a firing squad.

While nearly all the hostages said they feared for their lives at some point, many said their memories center on the tedium.L. Bruce Laingen, of Bethesda, Md., the embassy's charge d'affaires, was the highest ranking American taken hostage. He said it doesn't make sense that 25 years later the United States has little dialogue with Iran, considering the large American stake in the Middle East. He mainly faulted Iranian leaders for pursuing hostile policies such as developing nuclear technology and continuing to threaten Israel.

Nicotine study finds addictive gene in mice

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - California researchers fiddled with a single gene to create mice hypersensi tive to nicotine, pointing to a sin-gle molecule partly to blame for nicotine's addictive allure.

The genetically engineered mice were tripped up by the tiniest exposure to nicotine times less than the level of nicotine coursing through a typical smoker's blood. Once hooked, the mice experienced classic signs of nicotine dependence that keep smokers puffing, the research team reports Friday in the journal Science.

In humans, reward arrives as a pleasant little jolt of dopamine, a brain chemical unleashed by nicotine. More smoking produces the body's tolerance for the drug. Sensitization means not feeling good without a nico-tine fix, said Henry Lester, a biology professor at the California Institute of Technology who was among the paper's 10 authors. In mice, researchers saw re-

ward when mice chose nicotine hits over salt, changed body temperatures as evidence of tolerance and more running around among sensitized mice

The findings "not only provide direct evidence of how nicotine promotes dependence, but also raise fundamental question about the genetics of addiction, researchers at the Centre Medical Universitaire, in Geneva, Switzerland, wrote in a companion piece.

More than 4 million people around the globe die from smoking-related causes each year.If the findings in mice hold true for humans, the work points to a specific target for a new drug to attack, easing the physical and behavioral toll of nicotine addiction, others suggest.

People become dependent on nicotine when it parks in nerve cell receptors designed for the chemical acetylcholine. Once nicotine fills that space, dopamine is released. By knowing the specific parking place where nicotine can exact a high toll, a drug could be fashioned to fill it



IN THE WORLD

Officials: Arafat in coma

The Associated Press

PARIS - A gravely ill Yasser Arafat reportedly slipped into a coma and anxious Palestinian off cials held an emergency meeting Thursday on how to prevent unrest while their 75-year-old leader was fighting for his life.

A swirl of reports that Arafat died were quashed by doctors at a French mili-



alive Arafat's aides howev. er, said his condition was very serious Palestin-

Prime ian Ahmed Oureia said there had been no change

in Arafat's condition Palestinian officials said Arafat was in a coma in the intensive care unit. Arafat's chief of staff, Ramzi

Khoury, called an Associated Press reporter from Paris and told him: "I am standing next to the president's bed; he is in grave

Palestinians leaders hold emergency conference

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank - Anxious Palestinian leaders held an emergency meeting Thursday after Yasser Arafat was moved to the intensive care unit at a French military hospital.

Three Arafat aides denied the 75-year-old was comatose, but said his condition was serious. Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said top officials were in touch with Arafat's hospital every half-hour to check on his condition.

The Palestinian leadership is in constant meeting to follow up on the president's health situation," he said from the West Bank city of Ramallah, where leaders of the PLO and Arafat's Fatah movement were meeting

condition.

Arafat's personal physician, Dr. Ashraf Kurdi, told Israel TV's Channel Two that Arafat was still

Kurdi told Dubai-based Al-Arabiya TV that a brain scan showed that Arafat had not suffered a hemorrhage or stroke.

"Arafat has no type of brain death," Kurdi told Al-Arabiya. A prolonged Arafat incapacita-

or death — could have profound impact on the Middle East. There are fears of unrest among Palestinian factions. Arafat, viewed as a national symbol by even some who opposed

him, was largely able to prevent. Furthermore, chaos in the West Bank and Gaza could make any cooperation with Israel even more difficult

On the other hand, Israel and the United States have in recent years shunned Arafat as a terror ist and an obstacle to peace, and his replacement by a new leadership could open the door to renewed peace talks.

Sudan troops destroy camp in South Darfur

BY EMILY WAX The Washington Post

AL-JEER SUREAF, Sudan Gripping a pair of pliers, a doctor pried a bullet from Amina Kharim's swollen and bleeding left arm. Eight hours earlier, at dawn Tuesday, she had been asleep in a shelter of grass and sticks when government soldiers and police stormed into this camp of 5,000 in South Darfur.

Residents and relief workers said the troops burned shelters, smashed water pipes, fired tear gas and beat people as they fled half-asleep from their huts. Within reduced to ashes and about 100 res idents were crammed into the makeshift clinic, seeking first aid for gunshot wounds, burns and

"I saw the military coming and heard some shots. Then I felt pain and saw my arm bleeding. Now, my heart is burning with anger, said Kharim, 26, gripping her arm to steady it while the doctor worked in the shade of the mud-and-straw clinic. "There was a lot of blood, and then they started burning my hut. The world is not doing enough to protect us. We are so tired. Can someone please come

With violence still raging in Darfur's 20-month conflict between African rebels and pro-government forces, aid workers and camp resi-dents said they feared Tuesday's pre-dawn assault was the beg ning of a campaign to force displaced people back to villages where they could be vulnerable to further attack by Arab militias known as the Janjaweed.

Within a few hours of the attack camp residents said, 250 famili were put in government trucks and moved to an area 25 miles south. And at a nearby camp Otash, officials removed an unknown number of residents and blocked access to aid workers.

"This was not supposed to have happened. This is forced relocacomplained Brig. Gen. Festus Okonkwo, a Nigerian officer from the African Union mission in Darfur. Okonkwo's team of 19 civilian monitors and 56 protective troops is based just eight miles from here, but he said news of the attack took him by surprise.



British newspapers carry the story of President Bush's election win on their front pages for Thursday.

Europe at odds over Bush's next 4 years

BY BETH GARDINER The Associated Press

LONDON - European leaders urged President Bush Thursday to work closely with America's allies on issues like terrorism and the environment in his second term, while critics of the president worried re-election would embolden him to pursue conservative policies more aggressively than ever. Many European newspapers

greeted the president's triumph with dismay.
"Oops — they did it again,

Germany's left-leaning Tageszeitung newspaper said in a front-page English headline.

"How can 59,054,087 people be so DUMB?" Britain's liberal Daily Mirror tabloid asked asked said the front page of the Daily Mail, above a photo of Bush with his wife and daughters.

In Spain, the conservative Spanish newspaper El Mundo, which vehemently opposed the Iraq war, printed a cartoon showing Osama bin Laden holding up Bush's arm in triumph.

Politicians were more posi-tive. Many had already offered their good wishes after Democrat John Kerry conceded to Bush Wednesday, and the congratulations continued Thursday

Prime Anders Fogh Rasmussen sent a letter to Bush urging that "we together make an effort to give the relationship between the United States and Europe new energy.'

German President Horst Koehler said in a telegram that his country will be a "friend and partner" to the United States.

In Turkey, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he hoped "the election results will serve humanity and peace.' Congratulations also came

from Estonian Prime Minister Juhan Parts, who promised to continue his country's support for the war on terrorism and the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq, where Estonia has 45 soldiers.

But on a continent where opposition to Bush's assertive foreign policy - and particularly to the Iraq war — has been strong, much of the reaction was less diplomatic.

The cover of the Swiss newsweekly Facts called Bush's re-election "Europe's Nightmare.

"It is now time to understand that George W. Bush was not a four-year aberration but represents the new America," the magazine said. British Foreign Secretary

Jack Straw said those who disagree with Bush must recognize that he was Americans' choice.

"It is in everybody's interests, including that of continental Europe ... that we work together with the United States," he told British Broadcasting Corp. In Asia, many American allies

hailed Bush's win as a victory for the global war on terror and hoped his second term would help defuse nuclear tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Others in the region feared a second Rush term could lead to

more turmoil and worsen tension between Muslims and the "It's a victory for the anti-terrorism cause," said Australian Prime Minister John Howard, a

staunch U.S. ally and friend of Rush "This is a strong reaffirmation

of his leadership of the United States in its fight against world terrorism.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said he hoped Bush's win would bring closer ties between Tokyo and Washing-

South Korea said it would continue to "closely cooperate" with Bush for a peaceful resolution of the nuclear dispute with Pyongy-





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Work for pride, not badge

I have been reading all the letters about who deserves the Combat Infantry Badge. It bothers me to see that soldiers are worrying about awards and rewards. Wearing a CIB would be an honor, but I do not care if I receive one. Earning a CIB does not make me a man. Doing what I am supposed to do while deployed to Iraq makes me a man. When I get off the plane the only badge I will be wearing is the badge of pride, honor and personal courage that I have earned.

I am a combat arms soldier with the field artillery, aka "King of Battle." We do not have a combat badge, which I feel we should. Since arriving in Iraq our howitzers have staved in the motor pool, with the exception of one live-fire exercise. We are outside the wire on a daily basis. Our patrols are out there 12-15 hours at a time. Under our own command, we are conducting patrols, raids, cordon and searches, observation points, manning gates, escorts for explosive ordnance disposal and quick reactionary forces. So if anyone deserves the CIB, other than infantrymen, it is us. Still, we do not ask for a CIB. We are artillery; we do our jobs without expecting something in return.

So to all soldiers I say this: "Do your job as well as you can. Do what is necessary to win this war. Do your job without expecting a reward, award or decoration. Do what you have to do to get home safe!

Staff Sgt. Brian R. O'Connor Camp Liberty, Iraa

Drivers have job to do

I have read a fair number of responses to the actions of the 343 Quartermaster Company ("Army investigating why 19 failed to report for fueling convoy in Iraq. article, Oct. 17). Let's face it, war is never a safe thing. There are times when commanders must make the decision to send out troops with less than optimal equip ment or resources. I am sure that a good number try to make sure that their troops are well-protected, but they cannot provide for 100 percent safety all of the time.

History is replete with instances where decisions were made to send soldiers into harm's way, knowing that a high cost is sometimes paid to secure an objective that was important to the outcome of a battle or war that ended up saving more lives than if those soldiers had not performed the mission given to them.

While I do not know the nature of the jet fuel in question, a fueler told me that jet fuel and diesel are almost essentially the same. That fuel probably could still be used in vehicles or generators, from what I have been told. If the outcome of a battle depended on the delivery of that fuel, would people be so quick to say that the right thing was done by the troops in that company?

We express our concerns, we improvise when we can, we take precautions, but we obey our lawful orders. As soldiers we are not afforded the luxury of choosing which

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orders we obey and which ones we ignore. The line from "The Soldiers' Guide," FM 7-21.13. Paragraph 1-13, says it best: "And the warrior ethos urges the truck driver along roads bounded by minefields because fellow soldiers at an isolated outpost

> Sgt. Charles M. Sheldon Camp Taji, Iraa

Don't extend tours

need supplies.

I agree with the writer of "An 'impor tant' project?" (letter, Oct. 20). My hushand also was mobilized in December and I was told it was going to be a year in country. Now I hear rumors about an extension and, as the writer said, that has an impact on families of Reserve and National Guard soldiers in the States and the soldiers' civilian jobs. I know they are supposed to get their jobs back, but they're not guaranteed the same position or pay.

That's why we have active-duty military. They don't have to worry about their jobs, because that is their job. Probably some wives are pleased that their husbands have to stay longer because the money is good. But money is not everything; I prefer to be with my husband and our family enjoying our grandkids, and have him at a regular job rather than working on a project that is not important.

The upper command should ask who wants to stay, and then stay with whoever decides to do so. People will stand by those soldiers who stay - at least I will.

Luz N. Algarin San Antonio

Soldiers: Equal, but different

Regarding the letters on women in combat units: Even though men and women are considered equal, we must remember that there are basic differences that make them more or less suitable for different jobs - although there are always excep-

Contrary to popular belief, chivalry is not dead and most men would be uncomfortable with women in the battlefield. They would find themselves worrying more about the women than the enemy.

Being equal does not mean everyone must have the same strengths and do the same things. Men and women are equal but different - all should accept this and realize there is nothing wrong with that.

Pfc. Kevin D. Dovle Camp Buehring, Kuwait

AAFES profits on gas prices

Apparently the Army and Air Force Exchange Service has decided to take a little more of our money for profit. According to the article "AAFES gas prices climb" (Oct. 29), it raised the price to 10 cents above the U.S. average prices figured by the American Automobile Association.

AAFES officials used to say its prices were the same as U.S. prices. But this time they raised prices beyond that level, which shows the continued greed of an organization that is supposed to be part of our benefits (as they advertise).

I still can't figure out how AAFES can charge this since it pays no state taxes, is subsidized by the U.S. government and does not pay for its facilities. So where does all the money go? Who knows? I do know this: I have a permanent change of station to the States in December and I can't wait to use my dollars to pay for cheaper gas, products and services off post — in fact, anywhere but AAFES.

The last question I have is: What will

AAFES do when we pull out of Europe? It knows it can't survive stateside alone. It won't be long before it is a ghost of the past, and good riddance.

Staff Sgt. Rick Jones Wiesbaden, Germany

New spirit at Hanau High

As a parent of a student attending Hanau High School in Germany, I would like to congratulate the coaching staffs of all the sports for a spectacular season and in particular the coaches of the foothall team

Hanau High, from what I was told and have witnessed, has not displayed or had this much school spirit and pride in a very long time. This does not happen by accident. It takes and took the students, teachers, coaches, parents, volunteers and the community to make this year what it was. While the football team may not have made it to the division championship, it has brought a breath of fresh air to a school that has needed one and is to be congratulated on a job well done.

Our children are our greatest assets and investing in them through volunteering, coaching, tutoring, mentoring and parenting will produce benefits far beyond what we can foresee. This football season has been a prime example of what can happen when we as a community take an active interest in our children. I, like many, once look forward to next season. Go Panthers!

> 1st Sgt. Lawrence L. Ellison Hanau, Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Democrats' march was a series of missteps

"I think the Union army had something to do with it. - Gen. George Pickett, years afterward. on why his charge at Gettysburg failed.

WASHINGTON ohn Kerry's liberalism had something to do with his defeat. Hence so did this: By Jan. 20, 2009, all the elect-

George Will



ed presidents for 44 consecutive years will have come from three Southern states — Texas, Arkan-sas. Georgia — and southern California.

Kerry high-risk "biography candidacy" based on a four-month period 35 years ago. His contrasting silence about his 20 Senate years echoed. He was an anomalous kind of challenger. The most important chang-

es he promised would be either restorations or resistances. That is, he campaigned as the candidate of complacency, albeit a curdled backward-looking complacency. Regarding foreign policy, he promised to turn the clock back to the alliance-centered foreign policy prior to the intrusion of the "nuisance" of terrorism. Regarding domestic policy, he promised to stop the clock, preventing any forward movement on entitlement reform to cope with the baby boomers' retirements.

Never did Kerry himself do anything to change the campaign's dynamics. He counted on events in Iraq, and on the power of his party's unconcealed belief that Bush is an imbecile. But Democrats cannot disguise their bewilderment about how to appeal to a country that is so backward, they think, that

Democrats ... should rethink their compressed nominating calendar — Kerry was effectively selected by the 135,000 who voted for him in Iowa and New Hampshire and the fetish of allowing those two states

to dominate the process As part of its penance for nominating a senator, and one more liberal (according to Americans for Democratic Action) than Walter Mondale, the Democratic Party should purge its Michael Moore faction. Moore is unhinged by his loathing of Bush

and of the country that has re-elected him. Moore and the hordes of his enthusiasts are a stain on the party - as are those Democratic senators and representatives who in June made a merry festival of the Washing-ton premiere of "Fahrenheit 9/11." Moore illustrates the fact that the Republican Party benefits - it is energized by resentment when the entertainment industry and major journalistic institutions (e.g., The New York Times, CBS News) enlist as appendages of

the Democratic Party's advocacy apparatus. Never have Americans felt less affinity with Europe, but never have their politics been more European, meaning organized around ideologically homogenous parties. Just 25 years ago there were many liberals and conservatives in both parties. On Tuesday, four moderate-to-conservative Texas Democratic congressmen were defeated, the result of a second redistricting since the 2000 Census. A conservative Georgia Repub-







LEADERSHIP THAT HAS UNITED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

lican won a Senate seat vacated by a conservative Democrat and a conservative Louisiana Republican won a seat vacated by a moderate Democrat. This nearly completes the process of producing a perfect overlap of America's ideological and party parameters.

Unlike the two most recent incumbent presidents re-elected, Bush did not run on rhetorical froth - "Morning Again in America" (1984), "A Bridge to the 21st Century" (1996). He will feel vindicated in his foreign policy and empowered for his well-advertised domestic agenda of tax cuts, tort re-

form, entitlement reform and conservative judicial nominees

Since 2000, the issues driving civic discourse have changed radically but the electoral man has changed negligibly. The nation's population center did not

ross the Mississippi until the 1980 Census. Today it is in Phelps County, Mo., heading southwest, away from the Democratic Party with its apparently metabolic impulse to ignore such realities.

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Strategists did their homework, and Bush benefited

ever shy about its claims, the Bush White House sent Chief of Staff Andrew Card out at the ungodly hour of 5:39 a.m. Wednesday to assert that President Bush had won

re-election by cinching David Broder the 20 electoral votes

of Ohio This time, the boast better-founded

than was the similar claim four years ago when Florida was still locked in a dispute that would eventually last 36 days and wind up in the Supreme Court

Within hours, John Kerry placed the dent conceding that

Ohio would be in the Republican column again - and Bush could stay in the White House.

This time, unlike 2000, Bush bested the Democratic nominee in the national popular vote, the standard most Americans tell pollsters they believe should determine who sits in the Oval Office. He leads Kerry by 31/2 mil-

And he did it the right way — the old-fash ioned way - by galvanizing more of his supporters than Kerry managed to do. This was not, as some embittered Democrats had forecast, the result of voter intimidation or suppression. Democrats and their allies in labor and liberal organizations did their best job ever of mobilizing their base, only to see the

Republicans match and exceed that effort. What happened this year was foreshad-owed by the Republican success in the midterm election of 2002. Much as it may pain them to admit it, Democrats have to realize that the combination of Bush's appeal to conservatives and the organizational techniques developed under the direction of Karl Rove are beating them at their own game

This was another top-to-bottom Republi can victory, one that expanded GOP majori-ties in the House and Senate, just as the 2002 election had done, and defeated the Democrats' skillful Senate leader, Tom Daschle, in the process. Bush strategist Rove and his partner, Ken Mehlman, the manager of the president's campaign, devoted an unprecedented \$125 million or more and years of work to identifying potential Bush supporters in battleground states such as Ohio and then getting them to the polls.

They applied on a national scale the tools Rove developed with Bush's encouragement in converting Texas into a one-party state during the six years of Bush's governorship.

A crucial element of the strategy is the mo-

bilization of religious conservatives, those normally more conscientious about going to church than about voting. Exit polls showed more than 1 in 5 voters Tuesday named moral values as the most important issue determining their vote — more than cited ter-rorism, the economy or Iraq. More than three-quarters of them supported Rush

olitical game, a high card he had picked up by his stalwart performance following the 9/11 attacks and the emotional bond he formed with millions of Americans at that

But the economy and Iraq had disappointed or dismayed most of those who went to the polls, and it was remarkable Bush could overcome issues that would have sunk most other candidates.

It may well turn out, once the returns are analyzed in detail, that the Supreme Court of Kerry's own Massachusetts helped the mobilization of these traditionalist and fundamentalist religious voters by its decision last year approving gay marriage.

That decision spurred the submission of anti-gay marriage initiatives that were passed on Tuesday in all 11 states where they made the ballot — including Ohio. Phil Burress, who ran the Ohio initiative campaign, told me last week that the volunteers who collected the signatures to qualify it for the hallot also registered 54,000 new voters

The Massachusetts court decision was lightning bolt that hit right in the pulpit and ignited the whole congregation," he said.

That will no doubt cross Bush's mind

when he contemplates choices for the U.S Supreme Court — a process whose immi-nence was dramatized on election eve by the disclosure of Chief Justice William Rehnquist's serious illness

Democrats were well aware that the future of the judiciary was only one of the prizes at stake in this year's election. They came close to winning, and can point to the frailty of the mandate that Bush received from a nation still deeply divided, one where most women, city dwellers and minorities voted against the president.

But the democratic process — in an elec tion that fulfilled all its most important re-quirements — endorsed the Bush presidency. And if we know anything about him, we know he will exercise the full nowers of his office.

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YOUR MONEY

Tracking 401(k)

Experts: Money best in 1 or 2 spots

BY AVRUM D. LANK

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE - When Koree Khongphand-Buckman came to work at the Milwaukee office of Deloitte & Touche last December, she faced a common dilemma: what to do with the money in the 401(k) retirement account she had left behind at her former employer.

She had several choices, but the 25-year-old senior marketing coordinator quickly decided to transfer the money to the 401(k) she had established at Deloitte.

"My husband is an accounthe Port Washington, Wis resident explained. "He told me I had to do it." The couple liked the convenience of having the money

all in one place.

Khongphand-Buckman was lucky to have a good adviser so close by. Many people have to figure out on their own what to do with old accounts. It is an impor-

tant decision. "Enrolling in a 401(k) and home ownership are among the top priorities for my clients," said Michael Arnow, a certified public accountant and financial planner

in Glendale, Wis. Under the law, there are four possible options for a 401(k) parked at a former employer:

Leave the money in the existing account.

■ Withdraw it and pay taxes on it

■ Roll it over to the new employer's 401(k). ■ Move it to an Individual Re-

Most 401(k) plans offer these options, but not all. The law provides considerable leeway to sponsors, so it pays to check the provisions of a particular plan.

Named after the section of the Internal Revenue Code that regu lates them, 401(k)s are similar to IRAs: Money contributed grows on a tax-deferred basis until withdrawn. Unlike an IRA, however, both employers and employees can contribute to 401(k)s in pretay dollars

Typically, sponsoring companies offer a limited range of investment options

About 45 million Americans have 401(k)s, up from 37 million in 1998 Much of their appeal is linked to their portability: 401(k)s are attached to the individual, not to the

employer. That is in contrast to traditional pensions, which were set up and maintained by one emplover even after a worker moved on to another company. Now, though, many people

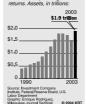
change employers frequently. According to a recent study by the U.S. Census Bureau, people born between 1957 and 1964 are likely to have more than 10 jobs prior to retirement. In such a mobile society, few workers will hang around long enough to accumulate a large traditional pension from any one employer.

Meanwhile, they are likely to amass 401(k) balances on each

That is when people are faced

401(k) assets

Assets in 401(k) retirement plans rose sharply last year as the stock market posted good



with the decision about what to do with their collection of accounts.

Typically, employers do not want to baby-sit low-balance accounts owned by former employees. Often, plans specify they will not keep account balances of less than \$5,000 for former employees. In such cases, the former employer can force a worker to either move the money to an IRA or new 401(k) or to withdraw it and pay the required taxes.

In most cases, that translates to regular income tax rates plus a 10 percent federal penalty.

If a former employee with a small balance does not make a choice, then he or she usually is sent the money, less 20 percent withholding for taxes.

Moving the money from an old 401(k) to an IRA usually is the best plan in any event, even for those with balances of more than \$5,000, according to both Arnow and Reb Bortz, a financial planner with Lincoln Financial Advisors in Brookfield, Wis

For mom, Santa Fe good place to start

Here's my dilemma: I'm a fun. sporty, active 46-year-old mom of . I've been driving a minivan for 14 years now, and I need a change! I'm interested in the sport utility vehicles, and recently test-drove a Hyun-

dai Santa Fe. Needless say, I loved it. But I'm curious as to vour thoughts on

Click and Clack

that vehicle. Have you driven one lately? What do you think of Hyundai, overall? I know you guys like the Subaru Outback nd Forester, but to be honest, I felt they were both a tad too small. Plus, I did not care for the feeling of being low to the ground, like a sedan. I prefer to be "up" a little bit, if you know what I mean. I don't want some huge SUV that guzzles gas and scares people half to death, either. I myself am only 5 feet tall, and I don't want to feel over whelmed by the vehicle I drive. I still have more test-drives to do, but I wanted some input. Thanks

for your help. — Janet TOM: Well, first of all, congratulations on this important, life-altering event, Janet. It's a milestone in a woman's life. You know there's graduation, marriage, motherhood and dumping the

RAY: And good for you for not wanting a huge, honking SUV. American buyers are getting wise to the fact that they're over-priced, oversized, overly thirsty and over the bumper of other in nocent vehicles in an accident.

TOM: We like the Hyundai Santa Fe. It's a small SUV that's based on a car platform. That dles better, is easier to get in and out of, and is more comfortable than the larger, truck-based than the larger, truck-based SUVs. So it doesn't tow quite as many mothers-in-law — who cares?

RAY: And the Santa Fe still has the world's best-designed

rear-lift-gate handle. shape fits hand, vour

and it's located right where your right hand would naturally reach out, rather than in the middle of the lift gate, where most of them are. If we had an award for rear-lift-gate handles, it would absolutely go to the Santa Fe.

TOM: Add to that a very reasonable price and Hyundai's 10-year power-train warranty, and you recan't go wrong.

RAY: But you're right to test-drive other vehicles, Janet. You might take a ride in the Toyota RAV4, the Honda CR-V and the Ford Escape (which has a high-mileage, hybrid-electric ver sion). You want to make sure that whatever you drive, you feel comfortable and in control behind the wheel. Some cars just "fit" some people better than others — like that plaid suit, white belt and white shoes fit my brother.

TOM: And if you're comfort-

able, you'll pay better attention to the road and be a better driver So, look around to see which small SUV feels right to you. Good luck, Janet. Let us know what you end up with.

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WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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Computer Sciences	-	18	50.20	+.20	+13
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General Dynamics	1.44	18	104.27	+3.79	+15
General Electric	.80	22	34.33	+.28	+10
Halliburton	.50		37.08	+1.54	+42
Harris Corp.	.48	28	61.39	12	+61
Allied Signal	.75	21	34.85	+.40	+4
L-3 Communications	.40	20	67.47	+1.32	+31
Lockheed Martin	1.00	20	55.89	+1.78	+8
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Raytheon	.80	43	37.55	+.79	+25
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Texas Instruments	.10	24	23.92	38	-18
Textron Inc.	1.30	30	69.19	+.84	+21
United Technologies	1.40	18	95.01	+1.54	+



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Military rates
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Japanese yen (Nov. 5)104.00
South Korean won (Nov. 4)1.089.00
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Bahrain (Dinar)
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Denmark (Krone)5.45
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Hungary (Forint)190.89
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Israel (Shekel)4.4504
Japan (Yen)106.15
Kuwait (Dinar)0.29460
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Wells Fargo data theft

Dow Jones Newswires

NEW YORK - Thousands of Wells Fargo & Co. mortgage and student-loan customers may be at risk for identity theft after four computers were stolen last month from a vendor that prints loan statements

The computers were taken from the Atlanta office of Regulus Integrated Solutions LLC contained customer names, addresses, and social security and

No passwords or personal-identification numbers were in the database.

"There is no indication that the stolen information has been misused," Wells Fargo spokeswoman Janis Smith said

Regulus, which also services other big banks, didn't return phone calls seeking comment.

The bank declined to say how

many people may be affected. But Wells Fargo, a \$422 billion financial-services company, has about 4.9 million mortgage customers and serves about 890,000 customers through its education-finance division

The bank notified customers by mail last week after finding out about the theft and urged them to take precautions such as filing a security alert with the three major credit bureaus.

Additionally, the bank is offering a free year of its credit-monitoring service, Wells Fargo Select Identity Theft Protection, to customers who enroll by March 31, 2005

It marks the third time in about a year computers have been stolen containing personal data of Wells Fargo customers.

The bank said it isn't aware of any misuse from the two previous occasions.



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the 50s, Saturday lows in the mid 40s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the 50s, Saturday lows in the 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s, Saturday lows in the upper 40s to low 50s.

France: Mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the mid 50s inland, with highs along the southern coast in the upper 60s, Saturday lows in the upper 30s to mid 50s

Northern Germany: Cloudy skies with isolated rain. Highs in the mid 50s, Saturday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

Southern Germany: Cloudy skies with rainshowers. Highs in the 50s, Saturday lows in the lower 30s to mid 40s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 50s, Saturday lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s.

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Southern Italy: Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the mi in the mid 50s. mid 70s, Saturday lows

Kosovo: Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s, Saturday lows in the lower 40s to mid 50s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy skies with rainshowers. Highs in the 40s, Saturday lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the mid 60s to lower 70s, Saturday lows in the lower 40s to

Turkey: Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 60s in the north, to lower 80s along the southern coast, Saturday lows in the 50s.

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Student IDs required

MO POPLAR BLUFF—A new policy at a high school requiring students to wear identification badges has prompted some parents to complain and students to protest the move as an infringement on their rights.

The badges, which are identical to the IDs students always have been required to carry and use to check out library books at Poplar Bluff High School, are now required to be worn on campus during school hours.

"We need to be able to identify people without having to walk up to them and ask if they are a student or a teacher," said Sheldon Tyler, an assistant principal at the high school in this town of 16,700 about 150 miles south of St. Louis.

Some students have put stickers on their badges in protest — a policy the superintendent has permitted as an exercise in free speech. One father, John Durbin, withdrew his two daughters until he can talk to the school board about the policy.

Bridge arrests up

NEW YORK — Arrests have increased sharply due to a closer eye being kept on bridges and tunnels throughout the city.

Authorities have made 1,070 arrests this year as of Oct. 21, a 145 percent increase over all of 2003 at nine crossings including the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, the Brooklyn Battery and the Queens midtown tunnel, the Daily News reported in Monday editions.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials said a larger presence at the crossings, better training and vehicle checkpoints all contributed to the increase.

Police at the crossings have made arrests for violations like drug possession, suspended licenses, and people who fled crime

"The officers have taken plenty off the road and it makes it safer for the general public," said Joe Mauro president of the Bridge and Tunnel Officers Benevolent Associ-

Near-record corn crop

ABERDEEN — Although much of the corn crop remains in the field, officials estimate crops will yield an average of 120 bushels of corn an acre. The record average yield is 121 bushels an acre set in 1998.

The corn harvest has been slower this year because the crop is damp and needs to dry out.

Doctor suspended

PROVIDENCE — The state medical board has suspended a Providence obstetrician for misdiagnosing a woman's condition and falsifying her records.

Jason Berstein had removed a

33-year-old woman's ovaries and uterus in an operation at Women & Infants Hospital in November 2003. The woman's blood pressure and hemoglobin dropped immediately after surgery, and her abdomen swelled, signs that she was bleeding internally. Berstein ordered blood transfusions, but did not take the woman back into sur-

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gery.

Nurses and residents summoned another doctor, who operated on the woman hours later. She recovered.

The consent order also said Berstein, 46, falsified the patient's records, when he wrote the woman's hemoglobin was stable, when records show it had dropped. The suspension is for a year, retroactive to January 2004.

Bush, Kerry monkeys

DES MOINES — Two baby marmosets, who made their debut at the Blank Park Zoo, have a good reason to remember this election season — they've been named George and John for President Bush and his Democratic challenger, Sen. John Kerry.

"We wanted to find a unique way to commemorate the times the presidential candidates monkeyed around in Iowa," quipped Terry Rich, chief executive officer at the zoo. "This has been a wild campaign."

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The tiny monkeys, born eight weeks ago, are twins — not that uncommon in marmosets, Rich said. They were kept under close watch until deemed healthy enough to put on exhibit — which just happened to fall on the eve of Tuesday's election.

Professor fatally shot

VA RICHMOND — A University of Richmond professor was found dead in his driveway



Dental visit

National Park Service personnel age the teeth of every bison and take photo documentation, which helps track herd health, near Watford City, N.D. after a neighbor reported hearing gunshots, and police were investigating the death as a homicide.

Police had no suspects in the death of Fredric M. Jablin, 52, said Lt. Doug Perry, a spokesman for Henrico County police.

Officers were called by a neighbor Saturday to investigate reports of gunshots and found Jablin's body. His three children, ages 8, 12 and 15, were asleep inside the home and

were unharmed.

An autopsy determined that he died of a gunshot wound to the torso.

Jablin was estranged from his wife, who lives in Texas, and the couple's children lived with him, Perry said. He was a management and communications specialist and an E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Chair with the private school's Jepson School of Leadership Studies. He joined the school in 1994.

Not-naked drivers

OR EUGENE — Forgive some women for being a tad bit miffed when the hunky men who had offered to drive them to polling stations arrived. After all, the men were fully clothed.

The plan had called for the men of Long Tom Grange — Oregon's best known nudie calendar — to offer voters a free limo ride to ballot drop-off sites. The men made headlines last year when they bared all for a calendar benefiting local schools.

Linda Roberts was surprised when 66-year-old rancher John Lopes greeted her in jeans and a cowboy shirt. As Mr. May in the group's 2005 calendar, he wore only his belt and boots astride his house

The group had considered going topless.

"But it's too cold," Lopes confessed.

t Tech fees at Fla. schools

TAMPA—Leaders of Florida's 11 public universities want to charge students fees that will pay for technology upgrades on their campuses.

The State University Presidents Association said the fee could pay for new computers, equipment and making campuses wireless. Fees would vary at each school, but the association has not determined exactly how much they would be, or how much money they would raise. At the University of South Florida, the fee could add up to \$100 to the average student's annual tuttion bill.

Support for detectives

MANCHESTER — Police investigating the gruesome murder of a woman and her two children are getting some emotional support on the job.

Police Chief John Jaskolka has invited a special team to help his officers deal with what they saw when they discovered the bodies of Tricia Doyle and her two children stabbed to death last month. Jaskolka said the investigation has been hard on his detectives because many of them have young children of their own.



Painted sky

A windmill is silhouetted against stormy skies as a cold front moves through Jones County, Texas.



Puppy politics

Delaware State Sen. Colin Bonini,
R-Dover, holds his dogs Baskin, right, and
Robbins, while greeting voters at a polling place in Milford, Del.



Burst of flames

Adorable alpacas

A Little Rock, Ark., firefighter watches as colleagues spray water onto a gas line fire in Little Rock. Flames were leaping from an intersection in the city's west side.



Beach wheelers

Elizabeth Goodchild, far right, of Essex, England, pushes Becky Roles, left, of the beach near the boardwalk in Daytona Beach, Fla. The women were taking a break from their job in Orlando, where they are working a one-year internship with others from England.



Deborah Barone, owner of Kickapoo Creek Alpacas in Heyworth, Ill., feeds two of her alpacas as the new baby, Butternut, looks out to the field.

Critical Mass arrests

NEW YORK — Police arrested 33 people during a monthly bike ride that attracts hundreds of cyclists, a day after a federal judge ruled that the "Critical Mass" event did not need a parade permit.

Most of the bicyclists were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct for blocking automobile traffic, said Sgt. Michael Wysokowski, a police department spokesman. The ride began at Union Square

Park and headed north on Park Avenue, but eventually splintered into a few different groups.

Police who were out in force

Police, who were out in force, urged riders to stick to a specific route and passed out flyers which said cyclists could be arrested for violating traffic rules.

Between 1,000 and 1,200 cyclists took part in the ride, said Leah Rorvig, a volunteer with the group Time's Up, which advocates the monthly event. Many were dressed in costumes to mark Halloween.

Racy tape at school

SOUTHLAKE — An Election Day government lesson for some North Texas third-graders also included what school administrators said was a sexually explicit videotane.

Johnson Elementary School students were inadvertently shown part of the video as they were leaving an auditorium Tuesday after viewing the government tape.

Teachers had taken the students into the auditorium, ejected an unmarked tape from a video player and played the lesson on the three branches of government, Julie Thannum, a spokeswoman for the Carroll school district, said Wednesday.

Afterward, a teacher placed the original video into the videocassette recorder. That video, including pornographic images, began playing as teachers led students out of the auditorium.

Officials said the video was quickly stopped by teachers and that most students didn't see the few seconds of tape. Thannum said School Principal Jane Cousins turned the tape over to police and sent a note to parents Tuesday afternoon telling them about the mishan.

"It's certainly not anything appropriate to be on any of our campuses," said Thannum.

The video player had not been used since last month, when vandals had broken into the school last month, she said, and the tape might have been left behind then.

Funds misused

PROVIDENCE — The former president of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island used \$10,000 of the company's money to purchase two stones to honor his family at a local church.

The engraved stones are outside the St. Francis Chapel in downtown Providence. The engravings honor the former president's porents, Ray and Irene Battista, of Warwick. The payment was accounted for as 'charitable contributions,' The Providence Journal reported.

Board chairman Frank Montanaro told The Journal he was unaware of the contribution.

"That is something new. I wasn't aware of that. I don't think the board would be aware of that," he told the newspaper. "We don't micromanage the affairs of the com-

Battista resigned in May, after it became known he had received a \$600,000 to help pay for his divorce from his longtime wife and other perks from the nonprofit insurer, the largest in Rhode Island.

E. coli outbreak

RALEIGH — At least seven people, most of them children, have been infected by E. coli in an outbreak that may point to the North Carolina State Fair's petting zoo.

State health officials alerted phy-

State health officials alerted physicians, health departments and hospitals to be on the lookout for more cases. Doctors were awaiting test results in several other suspected cases. Health officials urged parents to keep sick children at home.

Nearly all the confirmed cases are children. State Fair officials have tried to alert the owners of the petting-zoo animals, R.W. Commerford and Sons of Connecticut, of a potential problem. These animals — goots, lambs, pigs and a few zebras and antelope — travel the fair circuit up and down the East Coast, State Fair manager Wesley Wyatt said.

Mafia estate for sale

AZ TUCSON — The house of the late boss of the Mafia's New York-based Bonanno crime family is for sale on eBay.

The estate of Joseph Bonanno is asking \$495,000 for his Tucson home, where he lived from 1972 until his death in 2002. Bonanno is widely acknowledged as the direct inspiration for the "Godfather" series of movies.

Trees lose water war

CA LA QUINTA — A conservancy group is going to war with water-sucking, nonnative tamarisk trees in the Santa Rosa Mountains.

Volunteers will hike into Bear Canyon this weekend to chop down the trees that are sapping water that could be used by bighorn sheep and other wildlife. A tamarisk, also known as a salt cedar, can use 200 gallons of water a day.

Attempted candy theft

SIMSBURY A 12-year-old boy hung onto his pillowcase filled with Halloween candy despite being beaten and dragged nearly 100 feet by two teenagers who tried to steal the loot, police said.

The boy, who was wearing a costume, was trick or treating Sunday night on Phelpscoft Road when two teenagers carrying skateboards beat, kicked and dragged him, police said.

Police arrested the two teens about a half-hour after the incident.

One 16-year-old suspect was charged with second-degree robbery, third-degree assault and attempted larceny. The other teen, a 15-year-old, was referred to juvenile court.

The 12-year-old victim did not require hospitalization but was sore from his injuries, police said.

Stories and photos from wire services

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9:00	Stanley	Movie "Dancing at the Harvest	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	Nightline	Sports	30-Minute Meals	Jeopardy!
9:30	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	Moon" (2002, Drama) Jacque- line Bisset, Valerie Harper.		Headline News	Nightly Business Report		Easy Entertaining-Chiarello	Headline News
10:00	Movie **: "Pocahontas"		(9:46) Oprah Winfrey	ESPNews	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Decorating Cents	ESPNews
10:30 11:00	(1995, Adventure) Voices of Irene Bedard, Mel Gibson.	(:40) Movie *** "Pre- sumed Innocent" (1990, Dra-	(:35) Guiding Light	Advisory Block King of the Hill	Primetime Thursday		The Look for Less E! News Live	Headline News King of the Hill
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16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 4)		The Brothers Garcia	Access Hollywood]			Access Hollywood
17:00	Hey Arnold!	True Hollywood Story	Jeopardy!	Headline News]	SportsCenter	Law & Order "Terminal"	Headline News
17:30	Rocket Power	Hollywood Backstories	Headline News ESPNews	The Late Late Show	FOY Name	Inside the NFL	The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
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22:00	Radio Free Roscoe	Diana Scarwid.	The Tonight Show		Headline News	The Hot List	Seinfeld "The Wink"	
23:00	The Cosby Show	Movie ** "Multiplicity"	The folight Show	JoJo's Circus	Lester Holt Live	Around the Horn	The Daily Show	JoJo's Circus
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4:00	Lizzie McGuire	teen overachiever and a tycoon vie for a teacher's love			The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Friends	
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5:30 6:00	Barney & Friends (EI)	Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer,	Headline News	Headline News	Larry King Live		Body Shaping	Headline News
6:30	Blue's Clues 'Occupations'	Diana Scarwid.	Headline News	Navy/Marine Corps News	Early raing Earl		Every Woman	Navy/Marine Corps News
7:00	Planet's Funniest Animals	Movie ** * "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986) Kathleen Turn-	JoJo's Circus	My Life as a Teenage Robot	NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Beautiful Homes-Estates	Lizzie McGuire
7:30	Amazing Animal Videos	Married" (1986) Kathleen Turn- er Nicolas Cane		Outward Bound		Air Force Football	Curb Appeal	Switched! "Robby and Josh"
8:00	Lilo & Stitch "Kixx"	,	ChalkZone (EI)	Radio Free Roscoe	BET Nightly News	SportsCenter	Landscapers' Challenge	Radio Free Roscoe
8:30	Teamo Supremo (EI) Jackie Chan Adventures	(:44) Movie *** "The Cider House Rules" (1999)	The Weekenders (EI) Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	American Adventurer Access Hollywood	Tavis Smiley Nightline		Weekend Warriors Clean House	American Adventurer Access Hollywood
9:00	Kim Possible (EI)	Tobey Maguire, Charlize	All That	Access Hullywood	Nightly Business Report	NFL Matchup	Ciean nouse	Access nonywood
10:00	Teen Titans 'Mad Mod'	Theron. A young man leaves his orphanage home to find	Lizzie McGuire	Headline News	Hardball With Chris Matthews		BBQ With Bobby Flay	Headline News
10:30	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turt.	himself.	Switched! "Robby and Josh"	ESPNews]	\$40-a-Day	ESPNews
11:00	Dragonball GT	Movie *** "Ordinary People" (1980) Donald Suther-	Focus on the Force	George Lopez	Dateline NBC	1	Fashion Police	According to Jim
11:30	X-Men: Evolution	land. Guilt over his older broth-	American Adventurer	Half & Half	T-00-7		Dr. 90210	Half & Half
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13:30	Scout's Safari "Time to Go"	Break" (1991, Drama) Patrick		Unit "Brotherhood"		I	Lawrence"	Unit "Brotherhood"
14:00	Animal Kidding	Swayze, Keanu Reeves, Lori Petty. An FBI agent infiltrates	According to Jim	Headline News	20/20	1	Antiques Roadshow "Hot	Headline News
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17:00	Hey Arnold!	121-year-old man recounts life as a Wild West pioneer.	Headline News	The Entertainers	Wall Street Journal Report		Fear Factor	The Entertainers
17:30	Rocket Power	1	Navy/Marine Corps News		America's Black Forum	1		
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Ali attends 'topping out' ceremony

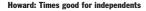
Muhammad Ali posed for pictures, gave out hugs and performed magic tricks for about 150 people who turned out for a "topping out" ceremony at the downtown Louisville, Ky., center named for him

The event was to mark reaching the center's highest point. As part of Monday's ceremony, a large crane was to hoist the highest beam into place on the steel frame of the six-story Muhammad Ali Center. But rain kept that from happening, and the beam was lifted only a few feet off the ground.

\$34.5 million. The 93,000-square-foot center is scheduled to open Nov. 19, 2005. It will include 24,000 square feet of exhibits,

featuring six themed pavilions. Each will focus on a different trait of the former heavyweight boxing champion.

Lonnie Ali, Ali's wife, said the Alis are committed to the center "becoming a global gathering place, where individuals not only have a platform for ironing out their differences, but a place" to motivate visitors to strive.



More interest in plot- and character-driven movies means times are good for independent films, says Oscar-winning director Ron Howard. "There's an ever-eynanding inter-

est in stories, thank God," said Howard, who will appear at the Asheville Film Festival in North Carolina this weekend. "More and more, there are compelling financial reasons - the artistic reasons have always been there - to make films that target a smaller audience base." The Asheville festival runs Thurs-

day through Sunday. Howard, who won a best-director Oscar in 2002 for "A Beautiful Mind," will be in town to attend the Spotlight Celebration Awards Dinner on Saturday night. His father, longtime character actor Rance

Howard, will receive a lifetime achievement award. Finding money for independent films has also gotten better, though financing any movie, independent or otherwise, is never easy, said Howard, who shared the best-nicture Oscar for "A Beautiful Mind" with producing partner Brian Grazer, in a phone interview Monday.

Brandy splits from record label

Brandy is looking for a new record label Brandy, 25, split from her long-

time label, Atlantic Records, her publicist, Courtney Barnes, announced Monday. The departure came after relatively disappointing sales of her last album, "Afrodisiac." Although the album generated the moderate hit "Talk About Our Love" with Kanye West, it disappeared quickly from the charts.

It was a departure from her previous three albums, all of which sold at

least 1 million copies. Barnes says Brandy is looking at other labels and also plans to be

co-executive producer of a comedy series for Fox television next year

Wyclef Jean on peace mission

Hip-hop star Wyclef Jean visited Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to try to help end a wave of violence that has left at least 79 people dead, including several police officers and two street gang leaders.

The singer met with community and gang leaders in Bel Air on Sunday as gunshots rang out. The neighborfilled with supporters of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, has become a flash point for violence

Jean said he planned to talk to all sectors of Haitian society during his four-day visit to promote dialogue and plans for a peace concert in December.

The U.S. presidential election could help or hinder the process, he told The Associated Press.

"Everyone is watching the elections so close from

Story and photos from The Associated Press



Artist Jon Laymon — now a designer on "Trading Spaces" — created this "Jungle Book"-themed nursery for his son.

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

TRADING SPACES' DESIGNER TOOK A CARFFR GAMBLE THAT PAID OFF

BY JEAN PATTESON

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. - Jon Laymon took a gamble late last year and won. And won. And won

First, he and his wife, Stacy Laymon, won the chance to appear on four episodes of "Trading Spaces: Home Free, the popular TLC cable-TV series. By the season's end in April, the Laymons had beaten out seven other couples in a series of redecorating competi-

tions to win the popular vote - and enough prize money to pay off the mortgage on their new, four-bedroom, \$250,000 home in Ocoee, Fla. Then Laymon, an artist and sculptor, went up against

three professional interior designers on the show's fall-season opener, "Trading Spaces: Pick the Next Designer." Again, the telegenic Laymon garnered the most viewer votes — and an offer, instantly accepted, to continue as one of several paid designers on the original "Trading Spaces. "I love it," says Laymon, 31. "I'm an artist playing a designer on TV."

He's not an actor, he says. He is simply "doing what I

do" on camera. What he does - or rather, what he did before being dis-

covered by "Trading Spaces" - is animatronics, or animated sculpture. He was the art director at an Orlando company that designs, builds and installs the giant jungle creatures that decorate Rainforest Cafe restaurants around the world Early this year, after winning the first leg of "Home

Free," Laymon told his supervisors he needed time off to compete in additional episodes. He was told to choose: the game show or his job. "I called Stacy," he says, "She said, 'If you don't do this,

you'll regret it. You'll always wonder what might have happened. Go for it.' "

So he took the gamble. He guit his job of 11 years for a shot at winning a reality TV show.

Laymon is a natural when the cameras are rolling. Happy-go-lucky by nature, he thrives on the adrenaline rush of racing the clock to redecorate a room on a tight budget. And it doesn't hurt that he looks like a long-haired version of Brad Pitt

Laymon is "dedicated, inspired and brings an incredible energy to everything he does," says Kathy Davidov, TLC executive producer of "Trading Spaces.

"His background as a sculptor and an art director shines through in unique, imaginative designs," she says. "He has an approachability that our viewers seem to really appreciate and identify with."

Stacy, 29, a hairdresser, is chic and vivacious. Their son, Dylan, was born in July 2003 — six months before his parents became TV celebrities.

A native of Ohio, Laymon graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh before moving to Orlando. When he and a friend moved into their first apartment in

Orlando, "our landlady felt so sorry for us when she saw our two bags of dirty laundry, she gave us a wicker chair and a coffee table — oh, and a clock radio, so we'd have music Today, he has a state-of-the art sound system and a TV

about the size of a double bed It was late last year when the Laymons' neighbors, Jay

Stanley and Melanie Lefler, suggested the two couples enter the "Home Free" contest, in which neighbors redecorate spaces in each other's homes in the hopes of winning enough cash to pay off their mortgage. The four friends made a videotape, introducing them-

selves and their makeover ideas, and shipped it off to TLC. A few weeks later, they were selected to be on the show. Each couple was given \$2,000 to rework the other's bed-

room. Stanley and Lefler's Asian-themed design was striking. But the Laymons' interpretation of a "royal suite" theme for their neighbors — complete with fabric on the ceiling and a textured wall finish made from a mix of coffee grounds, berries and plaster - captivated more viewers

The public's continuing votes of confidence propelled the Laymons into the final episode - and won them the grand prize

"Basically, Melanie's idea paid for this house. It was her idea to do the show," says Laymon.

But there are no hard feelings, says Stanley. "We've actually become closer friends because of the show. We were happy if it wasn't us that won, it was our friends who won. Laymon's "quirky creativity" and good looks make him ideally suited to the show, says Stanley. "He's off-the-wall, left-of-center, and that makes him appealing." JOE! LETE

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Horoscope

sun are highlighted on this, the last day of the workweek. It's time to cut loose for sure. The last quarter moon is in outgoing Leo. Whatever kind of evening you're planning, do it in style. Appearances may be a shallow way to assess

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(November 5). Your

call you "lucky," and in-deed, by this time next

month, you've got the cash to prove it. Singles

Joyce Jillson



will find it much easier to finally break any bad relationship cycles they've fallen into. You will have learned from past mistakes and won't repeat them this time. Lucky love signs are Taurus and Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Something has been eating at you for

weeks. It's time to put any self-doubts to rest on this subject. You're either happy with your current situation, or you're not. If you're not, fix it, or forget

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are not responsible for anyone's happiness but your own — not even the happiness of your children or spouse. Do what you can to be helpful, but ultimately, it's up to them

to decide if the glass is half empty or half full GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got a really fun weekend ahead of you. To take full advantage try to balance it out with equal parts

rest and activity, mental and physical pursuits. Do try to include some sort of music or art component as well. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't be an emotional doormat. It's nice to be open and welcoming, but

sooner or later, you're going to resent people wiping their feet on you LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Resist the urge to splurge this weekend. Instead, you should be conserving

To our readers

your resources. That means money, time and energy. Trust me, you're soon going to need as much as you can get. Stay home, and chill out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're finished scrubbing the bathroom floor and polishing the

interior of your oven, stop to say hello to your spouse and children. You show your love by taking

care of your environment but use your words to share love, too

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Loneliness can be an opportunity. When you feel it. ask yourself if perhaps you're looking to others for approval and love, rather than looking inward. You are never truly alone. You're part of the very fiber of the universe

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With a little

more confidence, you can make a situation go your way. The worst thing you can do is get defensive. That stinger of yours is lethal, but this may be one of those fights where both sides lose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Self-control is hard to come by now. Remember, you want people to take you seriously, so it's important to keep your word — even to yourself. Doing otherwise sends mixed mes-

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know you're right, so you may butt heads with someone when you don't mean to. It's probably because he/she accidentally pushed your buttons and brought your insecurities to light. Show your strength by yielding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you are in the position to teach someone, don't hold back. Providing the tools for knowledge does not take anything away from you. On the contrary, the more selfless you are.

the more you benefit PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). That overactive imagination of yours is going in a million different directions at once, which may cause you to lose things — your keys, your sunglasses. your wallet. Take charge. Enlist a Virgo pal for help.

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For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be remared "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

Peanuts



YOU KNOW THAT FUNNY-LOOKING FRIEND OF YOURS WITH THE BIS NOSE! WELL, HE JUST WALKED BY HERE FOLLOWED BY A BIRD THEY LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE GOING SOMEPLACE

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I HATE TO SAY THIS, CHUCK, BUT YOU'RE TALKING LIKE SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN HIT ON THE HEAD WITH TOO MANY FLY BALLS







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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals O



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Keep hands off stepdaughter JUMBI

Dear Abby: I have a problem I can't discuss with my family. I am 45 years old, married for 12 years, and I am in love with my wife's

daughter from her first marriage "Danica" is 24 and married. I have had these feelings for her for quite some time. Danica is fun to be around and very pretty Dear Abby when she smiles. We have talked when she has been over to visit her mother. and she drives me crazy My wife says I have a crush on her daughter Thank God she doesn't

know how much. I asked Danica out to dinner one night, just the two of us. It was going well until I spilled my guts and told her how I felt about her. She was shocked. The only thing she said was I was married to her mother and she was married. I asked her if she had anything else to say. and she replied that she didn't know what to say. Needless to say the rest of the night didn't go well. I took her to her car and told her the offer was always open.

Four days latter, I sent her a dozen red roses with a card that "Let's be friends treats me like I have the plague What should I do? Just wait, and pray she'll talk to me

_ Smitten in San Antonio

Dear Smitten: No. The first thing you should do is take a cold shower and wake up. You have slipped from fantasy into obsession, created a rift in the family and made a fool of yourself. Stop with the calls and roses. You and Danica will never he "friends" now that vour inappropriate feelings are out in the

Dear Abby: Please accept my apology for thinking that every time you advise coun seling you were "passing the buck." After years of abuse and three nightmare marriages. I am finally finding myself through

After my husband of 27 years left me, I was shattered — terri fied. I couldn't stop crying. I made a desperate call to a mental health hotline and was advised to go to the nearest emergency hospital. My physician met me there and I admitted myself to their psychiatric ward. It was the beginning of a new life.

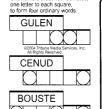
Everyone I encountered, from the person in admitting to the doctors and nurses, the staff and other patients, helped me. I start-ed to heal. The counselors were truly giving and caring. I signed myself out after five days, but continue going in for weekly counseling.

Thank you for always being there, Abby. I know you were there for me.

- Sunshine in South Carolina Dear Sunshine: Thank YOU for sharing your personal success. When you were in crisis you were wise to recognize it for what it was and get help. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at

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Unscramble these four Jumbles





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STEER INTO THIS. Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

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"That means, 'Don't fall out of bed.""

Inderwear: A personal choice

Dear Annie: Our 14-year-old son, "Kirk," has been going without his underpants since he returned from a school program three weeks ago. I learned this when his 11-year-old sister tattled during a sibling squabble. When pressed, Kirk said all the other guys were doing it and they dared him to do it, too

I think this is very weird and worry t Kirk may get an infection or injure himself. His dad, however, sees nothing wrong with leaving the underwear off and admitted doing the same at Kirk's age. In fact, my husband has given Kirk permission to continue doing this. After a little father-son chat, my husband also found out that Kirk now sleeps naked. (Another dare from his classmates.) I am not too concerned what he wears around his bedroom, but I do worry that he will be embarrassed or hurt by the lack of underwear. Do many teens go without under-pants? Does it mean that he's gay or having sex? On top of those



cerned that Kirk is so susceptible to "dares.

What do you say, Annie Wear Underwear

in Colorado Dear Colorado: "Going commando" is not unheard of, although it is not exactly hygienic. His slacks would have to be washed daily. It has

nothing to do with being gay or sexually active. Yes, Kirk can be injured if he zips up (or down) too quickly, and he's certain to be embarrassed if he should tear his pants in the wrong place (not to mention insect bites if he wears shorts in

the summer) This is not worth a fight. Mention the consequences and let

Kirk decide

Dear Annie: I am a

33-year-old woman, married, with two children

My friend "Barb" asked me to

baby-sit for her 2-year-old son full time (about 45 hours a week). However, I was shocked when she offered me only \$25 a week. I was thinking more along the lines

of \$75-\$100 Barb said she couldn't afford

Barb and her husband both have full-time, decent-paying jobs. They just spent quite a bit of money to "super size" their truck. but somehow don't have enough to pay me to care for their son Am I being selfish to ask for

- Crying Baby Blues Dear Crying: Of course you aren't being selfish. She expects you to be a full-time baby sitter for part-time wages. If Barb truly has financial problems and you can afford to help her out for \$25 a week, go ahead and do it, but otherwise, she is taking advantage of you.

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Alconbury, London Central are perfect on first day

BY RUSTY BRYAN Stars and Strines

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Alconbury Dragons and defending Division III champion London Central Bobcats each claimed three pool-play victories on Day 1 of the three-day European high school volleyball championships.

Alconbury, playing in the

DODDS vollevball

newly created Division IV that embraces the smallest schools in the system, was never pres-Ankara 25-7,

sured, blitzing Ankara 25-7, 25-15; Iceland 25-9, 25-4, and Brussels 25-16 and 25-11.

London Central, which has just one starter from last year's squad, bounced Marymount International of Rome 25-9, 25-10; Giessen 25-17, 25-5 and Ansbach 21-25, 25-21, 15-8.

"It's a lot of fun " said London Central senior captain Stephanie Anderson, the lone starter from the '03 team, when asked how it felt to be defending a title. "It's nice that we have a chance to win two years in a row Anderson said that chance de-

nends on her team's mental and physical state.

"We've got to play our best," she said, "and keep our focus,"

Alconbury coach Lisa Westlake couldn't agree more. She thinks that coping with a big tournament is all about mental and physical readiness "The big test here is being pre-

pared mentally and physically," she said. "Our girls are so excited about being in a hotel. I tell them that preparation begins the night before we play. They have to Westlake, a former University

of Oregon and pro league indoor and beach volleyball player, didn't limit herself to preparing her own squad

"Menwith Hill hadn't won a game all season," she said, "and after they lost their first match today, their coach asked me to speak to them. I told them that in a tournament, everyone starts out even and that you have to leave it all out there.

The words worked. The Mustangs rebounded to down Incirlik and Laies in their next two matches to move into the hunt in D-4.

In other action in Division III. fourth-seeded Sigonella dumped top-seeded Baumholder 25-9, 25-20 for its second victory in two tries Thursday.

In Division II, unbeaten and top-seeded Aviano cruised past Mannheim 25-17, 25-17 in its opening game. Second-seeded Vilseck knocked off Naples 25-18, 25-18, while fourth-seeded Black Forest Academy picked up a pair of tough wins -25-23, 20-25, 18-16 against Bitburg and 25-21, 26-24 against Mannheim



Sigonella's Liz Lally gets a shot past Baumholder's Kim Vandry during Sigonella's victory on the first day of the DODDS volleyball tournament.

Division I got a big surprise from Frankfurt International School. After downing Kaiserslautern in straight sets to onen the day, FIS stunned top-seeded Ramstein 25-20, 25-11. Second-seeded Lakenheath got off to a good start with a 25-11 25-18 win over Wies-

Play continues Friday in all divisions and concludes with the semifinals at the five sites being used: Vogelweh, Kaiserslautern High School, Sembach, Miesau and Ramstein's Southside gym. Games start at 9 a.m., and there is no admission charge

Saturday, all games move to Vogelweh, with consolation play beginning at 9 a.m. Championship games in each division begin at 11 a.m. and run consecutively every 90 minutes thereafter. E-mail Rusty Bryan at: bryanr@mail.estripes.osd.mil

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KAISERSERSLAUTERN, Germany — Early pool-play results Thursday from the three-day DODDS-Europe high school volley-ball tournament, which ends Satrurday:

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Ravens: QUESTIONABLE: TE Todd Heap
(ankle); T Jonathan Ogden (hamstring).

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Top 25 schedule

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No. 14 Louisville at Memphis
Saturday, Nov. 6
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No. 2 Oklahoma at No. 22 Texas A&M
No. 4 California vs. Oregon
No. 5 Wisconsin vs. Minnesota
No. 6 Texas vs. No. 19 Oklahoma Stat

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No. 24 Boston College vs. Rutgers

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(3), Birtain, 7-5, 6-1.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def.
Vince Spadea (17), United States, 6-2, 6-3.
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Mass Mirnyi, Belarus, def. Andrei Pavel
(11), Romania, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, def. Andy Roddick
(1), United States, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

Bell Challenge

Wednesday
At Club Avantage Multi-Sports de Quebec
Quebec City
Purse: \$170,000 (Tier III)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Singles First Round

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Jill Craybas, United States, def. Marissa
Irvin, United States, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 7-6 (2).
Second Round
Lubomira Kurhajcova, Slovakla, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn (5), Thailand, 7-5, 7-5
Maria Emilla Salerni, Argentina, def. Laura
Granville (7), United States, 7-6 (0), 7-8. Melanie Gloria, Canada, def. Daniela Han-tuchova (2), Slovakia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1. Stephanie Dubois, Canada, def. Tzipi Obzil-er, Israel, 6-1, 6-2.

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Nathalie Dechy, France, def. Tina Pisnik, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-0. Alicia Molik (8), Australia, def. Marlene We-ingartner, Germany, 6-2, 6-4. Jennifer Castalt (4), United States, def. Meghann Shaughnessy, United States, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

6-3, 6-4.
Maria Sharapova (3), Russia, def. Jelena
Kostanic. Croatia. 2-6. 6-4. 3-0. retired.

Deals Wednesday's transactions

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American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named David Stockstill director of minor league operations.
NEW YORK VANKEES—Akamed Steve Dau-ria vice president/chief financial officer.
SEATTLE MARINESS—Named John Boles
and Dan Evans Scouts.

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SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Jim Slaton pitching coach and Jose Castro coach for Portland of the PCL, Mike Davis coach for Mobile of the Southern League, Tom Tornin-casa coach for Lake Elsinore of the Califor-nia League, and Max Venable coach for Fort Wayne of the Midwest League.

Wayne of the Midwest League. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Exercised their 2005 options on CF Marquis Grissom, RIP Brett Tomko and 18 J.T. Snow. Declined to ex-ercise their 2005 option on LIP Jason Chris-tiansen. Agreed to terms with SS Delvi Cruz on a one-year contract. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined Detroit F Antonio McDyess
\$5,000 for kicking a basketball into the
stands during a Nov. 2 game against Hous-

on. MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Placed G Mike James on the injured list. Signed G Anthony Gold-UTAH JAZZ—Signed G Howard Eisley to a

UTAH JAZZ—Signed G Howard Eisley to one-year contract. Continental Basketball Association MICHIGAM MAYHEM—Signed F Anthol Jackson, F Damion Ninkovic, F Joe Smith, Anthony Steward, G Kevin Sweetwyne, and Jason Williams.

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e practice squad. Released OT Rodney
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keed. CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed KR Rod Smart on injured reserve. Claimed S Curtis Fuller off waivers from the Green Bay Pack-

ers.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed WR Richard

Alston from the practice squad.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Waived DT Chris Cooper. Signed DT DeVone Claybrooks from the practice squad. Signed DT Jermaine Brooks, DB Jeff Sanchez and FB Lousaka Polite to

DB Jeff Sallariez and Deusaha Folice Sol their practice squad . MIAMI DOLPHINS—Placed LB Junior Seau on injured reserve. Signed DE Ronald Flem-ons. Signed RB Vick King to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed S Scott

arley to the practice squad. OAKLAND RAIDERS—Re-signed OL Corey Hulsey.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Placed KR Chad
Morton and S Andre Lott on injured reserve.
Signed KR Antonio Brown and S Jason Doer-

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alivio and WR-LB Wilson Thomas.
CHICAGO RUSH—Signed FB-LB Jamie Mc-GOUTTY.

DALLAS DESPERADOS—Signed FB-LB

Travis Masters, Released FB-LB C.J. McLain.

GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE—Signed L Tony

owick.
NEW ORLEANS VOODOO—Signed WR-LB reston Hartfield. NEW YORK DRAGONS—Signed FB-LB Kevin Clemens.
PHILADELPHIA SOUL—Signed DS Eddie

TAMPA BAY STORM—Named Mark Stoute assistant coach. SSISTANT COACH.

LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League

COLORADO MAMMOTH—Signed D Mark Mi-

yashita.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
DALLAS BURN—Re-signed coach Colin Clarke to a one-year contract.
COLLEGE
NCAA—Placed Missouri's men's basketball program on probation for three years
and announced it will face limits on recruiting, scholar/ships and official visits. ing, scholarships and official visits, DAYTON—Announced Jim Jabir, women's basketball coach, is taking a leave of ab-sence for medical reasons. Named Greg Will-iams interim women's basketball coach. QUINNIPIAC—Named Joe Tonelli, Jr. assis-tant baseball coach.



RACING STRIPES A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

Filling big shoes for Little E

Eury Sr. has been a guiding force behind Earnhardt Jr.'s race team

The Associated Press

he career of NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. was just taking off when his father was killed in the 2001 Daytona 500.

Dale Sr., known as The Intimidator, was not a warm, cuddly

He had not always been close to his children, but Earnhardt left no doubt he was proud of his youngest son and was doing everything he could to help Junior move up the ladder in what was then the Winston Cup.

With the elder Earnhardt gone, there was a big void to fill in Little E's life. Into that breach stepped his uncle, Tony Eury.

"There's a kinship," Junior said. "We don't always see eye to eye on everything, but I know he cares about me as a person and I know he isn't going to send me out there in something that isn't safe or isn't right.

"We have a connection that not driver has with his crew chief, because he's family. Eury, whose own son, Tony Jr.,

is Dale Jr.'s car chief and one of his best friends, has been a fixture in Earnhardt's life

He was crew chief for the elder Earnhardt's Busch teams, then took over as crew chief for Junior when he arrived in the Busch Series, helping the youngster to consecutive championships in 1998 and 1999. When Junior moved up to Cup in 2000, Eury came with him "It wasn't always easy," said

Eury, who is known by nearly everyone as Tony Sr.
"Sometimes, he didn't want to

hear what I had to say and sometimes he just had to do something to see if he could do it. There was times we didn't like each other



Dale Earnhardt Jr., right, talks with his crew chief, Tony Eury Sr., following a practice session at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 10. Eury has been Earnhardt's crew chief for his entire NASCAR career.

very much, but that's the way families are sometimes. You get through it."

As Earnhardt has turned into a legitimate championship contender, Eury has gained respect inside what is now the Nextel Cup garage, as well as earning considerable credibility with the fans, who recently voted the quiet stocky man with the snow white beard the 2004 Wypall Wipers Crew Chief of the Year.

Junior said it's about time everybody else figured out what he already knew.

"Tony Sr. is one heck of a crew

44 We have $a\ connection$ that not every driver has with his crew chief. because he's familu.

Dale Earnhardt Jr.

hardt appeared headed for at

least a top-five finish when he collided late in the race with rookie Carl Edwards. He wound up 33rd again, but still gained ground on Busch, whose blown engine relegated him to a 42nd-place finish. "My job at the shop is to keep

Two weeks ago in Martinsville, Earnhardt had severe handling

problems and wound up finishing

33rd when the rear end broke in

Last Sunday at Atlanta, Earn-

his No. 8 Chevrolet.

the people we have happy and pumped up," Eury said. "The hardest part of the job is the people. Right now we've got a good group of people and, hopefully, we can keep them all together.

"We had a blow last week, but we've been pumping them all week [and telling them] that we can still do this and that nobody should get down. Hopefully we can pull it off."

Eury expects Junior and the whole Dale Earnhardt Inc. team to bounce back in Phoenix where Earnhardt won last fall.

"We thought last year would be our year and we kind of got disappointed," he said. "This year, we kind of slumped in the center and then we kind of got back going again. So when we got back into these last 10, we started performing good every week and got on racetracks that Dale Jr. liked and had a lot of hopes of us pulling it

"These last couple of races put us under a lot of heat, but we're determined to win a Nextel Cup. We've got our work cut out for us because our goal now is to lead as many laps as we can and win every race we can, because that's the only way we've got a chance.

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Race 34: Checker Auto Parts 500, 9:30 p.m. Sunday CET, AFN-Sports.

cer since 1998 to win three straight races and closed within 59 points of standings leader Kurt Busch after taking the Bass Pro Shops MRNA 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway

Last race: Jimmie Johnson is the first Cup Last year: Dale Earnhardt Jr. kept his slim championship hopes alive by winning the





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Mark Martin

Checker Auto Parts 500, his second victory of

Nextel Cup qualifying record Rusty Wallace, 134.718 mph, 2000. Nextel Cup race record Tony Stewart, 118.132 mph, Nov. 7, 1999

FAST FACTS

B. ... NASCAR d Rusty Wallace fined Rusty Wallace \$10,000 on Tuesday for intentionally hit-ting Ryan New-man's car as the field returned to pit lane following the Oct. 24 race at Mar-

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Heading into Sunday's Checker

Auto Parts 500 at Phoenix Inter-

national Raceway, Earnhardt is fifth, trailing leader Kurt Busch

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his credibility and talent to a high-

er level, and I'm proud of him.

how to get the job done.

This week: Bashas' Supermarkets 200 at Avondale, Ariz. (Tape-delayed, 6 a.m. Sunday, AFN-Sports).
Last race: Matt Kenseth held off Kyle Busch in a two-lap sprint to win the Aaron's 312 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.
Last year: Bobby Hamilton Jr. won the rain-shortened Bashas' Supermarkets
200 and Sove Plains thork the lead in the rain shortened Bashas' Supermarkets 200 and Scott Riggs took the lead in the tight live-man points chase at Phoesia. The state facts Series leader Martin Truex Ir fissiend ninth at Atlanta, but still has races left. Kenseth, the 200 Nextel Cup champion, has three Busch victo-points of the state of the s

BUSCH SERIES

This week: Chevy Silverado 150 at Avondale, Ariz. (Tape-delayed, 9 a.m. Saturday, AFN-Sports).

Last race: Janie McMurray became the eighth driver in NASCAR history to win in the Cup series, the Busch series and in a truck after taking the Kroger 200 in Martinsville, Va., on Oct. 23.

Next race: Darlington 200, Nov. 12, Dar-lington, S.C.

CHAMP CARS

lad over junqueira into the season-end ig race in Mexico City. Last year: Paul Tracy dominated the lexican Grand Prix from the pole be

FORMULA ONE

INDY RACING

Owens wonders why he's 'the bad guy'

BY LES BOWEN

Philadelphia Daily News

PHILADELPHIA — This week, there is no grudge match looming for Terrell Owens. But it isn't too late to rekindle last



week's controversy.

Owens began Wednesday's weekly media session noting support he received from Steelers linebacker. Joey Porter in a

Tuesday newspaper story. Porter: In a Tuesday newspaper story. Porter, whose team hosts the Eagles this week, endorsed Owens' celebrations, specifically his mocking of Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis during the Eagles' 15-10 victory on Sunday. That does qualify as news

The last couple of weeks, the story has been opponents' feuds with the Eagles' standout wide receiver.

But while reveling in Porter's words, Owens relit the Baltimore fuse, highlighting a Porter reference to Lewis' involvement in a 2000 double-murder case

Porter, who also has feuded with Lewis, sounded a favorite T.0 theme in Tuesday's Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Other players celebrate flamboyantly, and some of them have even had off-the-field issues, which Owens hasn't, yet few are as widely reviled as T.O.

In Lewis' case, those off-the-field issues include an agreement to plead guilty to misdemeanor obstruction of justice and testify against two of his friends after a doube-murder at an Atlanta-area nightclub in January 2000. (The friends were acquitted.)

"It's fine for this guy to celebrate, but it's not fine for this guy," Porter was quoted as saying. "It's good for this guy to be creative, but it's not good for this guy. Why isn't it funny when Terrell does the pom-poms? You guys can make who the good guys are. The media has total control over that.

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get labeled and put in that same mold and that I'm the worst guy that ever put on a uniform in the NFL.#

Terrell Owens
Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver

"But this guy (Lewis) just comes off a murder case and he comes back dancing and goes to the Super Bowl and you love every minute about it. He gets a four-minute introduction when he comes out. They absolutely go crazy for it. He you guys love it. Terrell scores a touchdown and he does his celebration and, for some reason, you guys just choose, 'We don't like you. You aren't one of the guys

we pick.' I never thought it was fair."

This was music to T.O.'s diamond-studded ears. Owens has puzzled over his lack of endorsements and the league's apparent reluctance to market him.

"I'm obviously not one of those who are a face of the NFL that they're going to have on commercials. ... It's discouraging at times that I get labeled and put in that same mold and that I'm the worst guy that ever put on a uniform in the NFL," he said. "It's funny, it really is. I listen to all the comments and at times, it baffles me.

"I've never had any off-field problems. I've wanted to say it for a long time, but since loesy put it out there, you have a guy like Ray Lewis, who I thought was pretty much my friend. This is a guy, double-murder case, and he could have been in jail, but it seems like the league embraces a guy like that. I'm going out scoring touchdowns and having fun, but I'm the bad guy. So I don't understand it, I really don't. "I listen to ESPN and all the guys that re-

port on there, it's really funny. ... I just take it with a grain of salt and I keep ticking. I know they're looking for me to do something [off the field] or something to come up, but it's not going to happen."

In an instance of art imitating life, or something like that, Owens' words quickly made it to ESPN Wendesday evening, with a panel of analysts that included ex-Eagle Mike Golic expressing sympathy for Lewis and condemning Owens for bringing up the murder business. ESPN also read a statement from the Ravens, who thought they'd traded for Owens' rights last March, then were forced to accept a fifth-round draft choice instead when the NFL brokered a trade to the Eagles.

"Like the rest of the NFL community, we would expect nothing less from Terrell Owens," the statement said.

Then, on ESPN's "Pardon the Interruption," Tony Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon found rare agreement, bashing Owens for bringing up Lewis' brush with the law.

Earlier, Lewis told reporters in Baltimore that he'd had a chance to see Owens' imitation of his signature dance on tape, and likened Owens' version to "my four-year-old" trying to do the dance. At that point, apparently, Lewis did not know

about Owens' comments Wednesday

For what it's worth, Owens had a defender Wednesday night on the NFL Network's "NFL Total Access." Ex-star receiver Stering Sharpe said." It think Terrell Owens says a lot of what people in the NFL want to say. I'm not talking about specifics with Ray Lewis. I think T.O. is a guy that says what's on his mind and what a lot of other people think. I think he's correct in saying that there are a lot of people in this business that we're in that treat this guy unfairness and the says that we're in the treat this guy unfairness and the says that we're in the treat this guy unfairness and the says that a lot of guys in our business and the says that the says that

Coach Andy Reid said Wednesday that Oversi' current teammates like him. "I think it starts with T.O., and the way he takes in his teammates and makes them feel a part of the whole thing as far as the team goes," he said. "He doesn't stick himself out in the locker room as an individual. He's part of the team, and that's important. And the way the guys have allowed him to be part of the team I think also is a big thing."

There have been potential flash points for teammates, as they've navigated messy T.O. conflicts with the Ravens, or with Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia, or Lions coach Steve Martincoi. Owens, who leads the Eagles with 42 catches for 697 yards and nine touchdowns, is the only Eagles wideout to score a touchdown this season.

Toward the end of his time with reporters Wednesday, Owens — apparently not realizing he had ignited more controversy with Lewis — said he was going to enjoy the lack of any built-in conflict, as he prepared for Pittsburgh.

"It's going to be a stress-free week for me," he said. "I'm pretty sure my teammates are relieved that they don't have to answer a bunch of questions about 'whatever' [But] the week is not over yet."

Dallas' Johnson might get the ball a lot more

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS

IRVING, Texas — Keyshawn Johnson doesn't have to ask for the ball in Dallas. The Cowboys will be giving it to him more. Even after his mistakes.

Going into the last game, Johnson was the only active Dallas receiver who had made a catch in the NFL. Yet it was his miscues that caused two interceptions, both when Vinny Testaverde threw directly to defenders after Johnson cut routes the

The outspoken receiver's response? Johnson loudly accepted the blame.

"I got caught pressing, trying to get involved, trying to make a play because I've got younger guys playing with me," he said. "Both of them were my fault... I'm big enough and strong enough to say I know I made those mistakes."

And he responded on the field with his first two-touchdown game in two years. Both scores came against double coverage, including the game-sealing 38-yarder with 1:54 left when he split Detroit defenders.

With Terry Glenn (foot) done

for the season, Quincy Morgan hobbled by a hamstring problem and rookie receivers brought up from the practice squad, Johnson is sure to become even more of a focus in the offense — and for opposing defenders.

But that's really nothing new for the three-time Pro Bowler who reunited with coach Bill Parcells and Testaverde in Dallas

"It's been the same way for me my whole career," Johnson said Wednesday. "I've always been the target guy."

On and off the field.
Johnson was deactivated the final six games last season in Tampa Bay. He wasn't happy and didn't get along with Jon Gruden, the coach with whom he won a Suner Bowl.

He got his wish and was reunited with Parcells, his coach with the New York Jets from 1997-99. And he got a \$20 million, four-year contract with Dallas.

Any perceptions people have of him don't bother Johnson. Fan have seen clips of his sideline confrontation with Gruden. They heard reports during a television broadcast last month — though Fox had no video showing it — that he confronted Cowboys assis-



Keyshawn Johnson made mistakes that led directly to interceptions on Sunday, but he also had his first two-TD game in two years.

tant coach Sean Payton, which

the receiver vehemently denies.
"Me, I go out there, I still make
my money, still paid at the highest level at my position," he said.
"I still go out there and make
plays at the highest level at my position, both catching the ball, running, blocking, decoying ... doing

And that's why he remains one of Parcells' favorite players. "You know first of all that I

"You know first of all that I have confidence in the player, he's willing to admit his mistakes," Parcells said. "He plays a lot of different spots that's involved with a lot of stuff mentally, and it's not all perfect all the time. But he's going to be in the fight, which is good."

Johnson leads the Cowboys with 30 catches for 448 yards and four touchdowns. He has extended his streak of games with a catch to 126, second to Marvin Harrison's 130.

Season has been a pain for Saints' McAllister

By MARY FOSTER
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Deuce McAllister spent the New Orleans Saints' off week at the movies. McAllister watched video from last year, when he rushed for 1.641 vards. The difference be-

tween then and now was striking.
"You see a healthy Deuce McAllister and you see a hurt Deuce
McAllister — that's the big difference." McAllister said.

The Saints made up the package for McAllister bonjung he can use it to return to his old ways. Last season, McAllister set team records for yards rushing and yards from scrimmage with 2,157. This year, McAllister has 280 yards on 82 carries and eight receptions for 52 yards.

"This year, the big thing is that he's been hurt," said Saints running back coach Dave Atkins. "He was hit on his knee in the first game, then he sprained his ankle in the second game. He hasn't been himself all year."

McAllister injured his ankle on his third carry against San Francisco. He was expected to be sidelined six games, but missed two. Since returning, McAllister has worn a brace, which he said limits his ability to cut to the side. With a week off and time to rest the ankle, he won't wear the brace Sunday against the San Diego Chargers.

"Not playing this past Sunday helped me, but I'm still not 100 percent," McAllister said. "But I'm a little better than I was two weeks ago."

Adding to McAllister's misery are fumbles. He lost one in each of the first two games, then fumbled twice in a loss to Tampa Bay. "We always emphasize ball pro-

we always emphasize bail protection," Atkins said. "But I don't want him to think about it. I just want him to make it a standard part of his game."

The game plan for most teams is to try to strip the football, McAllister said. Especially if he gets into the secondary where a size mismatch makes stripping a better decision than trying to knock down a runaway 235-pound running back.

The doctors think the ankle is now strong enough that McAllister can run effectively without the brace. He hopes that means he can again make plays like the ones on the tape.

"I haven't even had a big run," McAllister said. "I don't think I've had a run over 20 yards and I think my game is better than

Roethlisberger promotion OK by Maddox

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox isn't disappointed that rookie Ben Roethlisberger took advantage of Maddox's long injury absence to seize the starting

"I don't sweat it too much," Maddox said Wednesday. "I know things happen for a reason, and we'll figure out what that rea son is. I'll just go out there and do my job, work as hard as I can and try to help this team win any way I can.'

Coach Bill Cowher made official Tuesday what has been a given for weeks: Roethlisberger will remain the starter even after Maddox is healthy enough to play. Maddox is listed as questionable for Sunday's game against

Philadelphia. The Steelers planned to start Maddox and bring Roethlisberger along slowly this season. But after Maddox tore an elbow tendon Sept. 19 in Baltimore, Roethlisherger stepped in to lead the Steelers (6-1) to five consecutive victories as a starter.

"Well, that's the way it works, Maddox said. "But I, by no means, think my career is winding down. I'm a young 33 years old, and I feel I've got a lot of foothall left in front of me

Roethlisberger, fourth in the league in passer rating, has repeatedly praised Maddox for his steadying influence and help. The two can be seen huddling frequently during games.

"Tommy's been great," Roeth-lisberger said Wednesday. "He's the first guy I look for when I

come off the field to help me out. He's been out there, and he knows what's going on. I'm sure he'll keep helping me out and I'm looking forward to him helping

Maddox is signed through 2007 to a contract that pays him like a starter when he plays and like a backup when he doesn't. His base salary is \$750,000 this season and next, \$1 million in 2006 and \$1.3 million in 2007. Numerous incentives boost the contract any season he plays, and he also got a \$2 million signing bonus this year.

Westbrook practices but still questionable

PHILADELPHIA Westbrook returned to practice Wednesday, but he remains questionable for Philadelphia's game

against Pittsburgh on Sunday. The running back missed the Eagles' 15-10 victory over Baltimore last week because of a cracked rib. He was injured against Cleveland two weeks ago.

Westbrook participated in the team's morning walkthrough, and was involved in some drills during the afternoon session. If he can't play against the Steelers (6-1), veteran Dorsey Levens will get his second straight start.

"He's doing a good job. I'm not saving he doesn't have any tenderness in that spot, but he's able to do some work," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "It's just a matter

of the comfort level Levens ran for 40 vards on 12 carries against Baltimore in his first start since 2000 when he was with Green Bay. Reno Mahe added 22 yards on five attempts.



"I don't know if he'll be ready " quarterback Donovan Mc Nabb said. "Obviously, with that injury. I've been there, and it bothers you at times. He hasn't been hit and he hasn't done a lot of movement. I hope we will play. If we can't have him this week. I know Reno and Dorsey will do an excellent job filling in

Niners cut RB Robertson, activate Hicks

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - Running back Jamal Robertson was waived by the San Francisco 49ers on Wednesday, clearing the way for Maurice Hicks to become Kevan Barlow's backup.

Robertson, the former offensive MVP of NFL Europe, had 71 vards and one touchdown as the 49ers' No. 2 rusher this season, but made two key fumbles in loss es for the 49ers (1-6), who host Seattle on Sunday. Robertson also was San Francisco's leading kick off returner, averaging 22.4 yards per return

The 49ers' running game has struggled this season, and coach Dennis Erickson hopes Hicks will provide new energy. Barlow has just 423 yards, and the club averages just 85.3 yards rushing per

"I've been wanting to activate Maurice Hicks for a while." Erickson said. "He gives us a little bit different look in there, running the football and on special teams I made a decision to do that, IRobertson] played well when he was here, but I really want to take a look at Maurice

Hicks, the leading career rusher at North Carolina A&T, played in Europe for the Scottish Claymores for two seasons. He will get several carries as Barlow's backup, and he'll also be a kick re-

Vincent returns to practice; Reed sits out

ORCHARD PARK N.Y - Buffalo Bills cornerback Troy Vincent practiced for the first time Wednesday since injuring his knee more than four weeks ago, while receiver Josh Reed missed the workout because of a knee problem.

Vincent who underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee after injuring it against New England Oct. 3, was limited to practicing on the scout team. Coach Mike Mularkey wouldn't say if Vincent would be able to play in Sunday's game against the New York Jets

"I think it's still too early." Mularkey said. "I think we have to see how his knee reacts. We'll have to see how it feels [Thurs-

day]."
Vincent, Buffalo's main free season, is listed as questionable.

Reed hurt his left knee early in last Sunday's game against Arizona while returning a punt. Mularkey said Reed's problem is a combination of a hyperextension as well as a bone bruise right on the knee. Though Reed is listed as questionable, Mularkey didn't seem optimistic about his status for Sunday.

Athlete's foot almost ends O'Hara's season

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -In a sport in which players are often sidelined by serious injuries. Shaun O'Hara was almost lost for the season with a seemingly benign combination of athlete's foot and a calf bruise.

The mixture, however, developed into a potentially fatal sta-phylococcus infection, and it had the New York Giants starting center hospitalized for five nights.

Released on Tuesday afternoon, O'Hara still had an intravenous tube in his right arm on Wednesday as he discussed the illness that caused him to watch Sunday's victory over Minnesota from a hospital bed.

"Luckily we caught it fast enough that it didn't get into the blood stream and attack the rest of my body," O'Hara said.

O'Hara spent some time reading about staph and discovered it can be common in locker areas He found two other cases involving NFL teams last season. In my case, it stemmed from

the athlete's foot," O'Hara said.

Seattle WRs questionable

KIRKLAND, Wash. - The Seattle Seahawks still have a long list of injured receivers, but coach Mike Holmgren had good news Wednesday with the return of linebacker Anthony Simmons and tackle Chris Terry.

Simmons and Terry have missed the past two games, but are expected to play Sunday at San Francisco. Simmons had shoulder surgery two weeks ago and Terry has been nursing a strained shoulder.

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Rested Lewis ready to run for Ravens By DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. - Jamal

Lewis had a helpless feeling last Sunday as he sat in front of his television and watched the Balti more Ravens lose to the Philadelphia Eagles.

"It was real hard. I really wanted to play against those guys," Lewis said Wednesday. "I got a chance to watch from the outside looking in, and it was pretty tough

because you want to get in there.' While Lewis was stuck at home completing a two-game suspen-sion for violating the league's sub-

getting tackled up to 30 times a 44 I'm pretty fresh, and my legs are good.

Jamal Lewis Ravens running back

"I had to serve my suspension but it was for the better, too, so I could get some rest," Lewis said. "I'm pretty fresh, and my legs are

Lewis, 25, pleaded guilty in At-lanta on Oct. 7 to using a phone to set up a drug buy. He must serve prison time after the season but won't miss any more football, and for that he is thankful.

"That's the big thing, it's done with and I can put it behind me now," Lewis said. "I can move on with my job and do what I do best, which is come out here and play

football and be with my team. The Ravens (4-3) went 1-1 without him, beating Buffalo 20-6 be-

fore stumbling in Philadelphia. Backups Chester Taylor and Musa Smith combined for 103 yards rushing against the Eagles. Lewis still wonders how Balti-

more might have fared had he been in the starting lineup.

"The Bills game was all right because we won," Lewis said, "but the game we lost, you feel like we could have done something different."

There really is no way of knowing if the Ravens would have won with Lewis in the backfield. But his return can only help an attack bogged down by a passing game ranked last in the NFL.



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rushing last year en route to becoming only the fifth player in NFL history to run for 2,000 vards in a season. Lewis doesn't care who is on the opposite side of the line. He's just ready to dole out some pun

stance abuse rules, the Ravens

fell to the unheaten Eagles 15-10

The All-Pro running back has re-

joined the team and will play Sun-

day night against Cleveland, a

team he shredded for 500 yards

ishment with the football cradled under his arm. "Oh he's coming He watched

the film this morning and he couldn't stop shaking his leg, right tackle Orlando Brown said know he's ready. He's got to play catch up now. He's ready. and he's focused."

He's refreshed too After taking a pounding for five straight weeks, Lewis got an unexpected two-week break in the middle of the season.

He worked with his personal trainer to stay in shape during his suspension and rid himself of the aches and pains that come with

Francis lifts new-look Magic to victory in season opener

Former Rocket scores game-winner against Bucks

BY MIKE BRANOM The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - The Orlando Magic are off to a good start in their quest to erase bad memo

Steve Francis made a winning lavup with two-tenths of a second remaining in his Orlando debut to lead the new-look Magic to a 93-92 victory Wednesday night over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Francis, acquired in an offseaon trade, finished with 26 points. Grant Hill added 20 in his return from a 21-month layoff due to in-Top draft pick Dwight Howard had 12 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks.

For a franchise trying to shake off a 61-loss nightmare season. this thrilling victory was the ideal way to start.

"That's a good onening night when you have a game like that, and you pull it off and win it," Orlando coach Johnny Davis said. "It certainly sets things off on a positive direction

The Bucks took a 92-91 lead on Michael Redd's banked-in jumper with 3.5 seconds to play in their opener Redd finished with 19 points.

On the final possession, Hill inbounded from the left side to Francis. He beat Mo Williams on the turn to the basket and got the shot off despite being fouled.

"I've hit some shots in my career, but I think this one is even more special being that this is my first official game for the organization," said Francis, part of a seven-player swap that sent disgruntled star Tracy McGrady to Houston.

That trade highlighted the Magic's massive overhaul during the summer. Orlando has just four players remaining from April's

"The guys in the locker room now don't have a reference point for what happened last year," Davis said. "We don't even talk about what happened last year. Last year is gone.

The buzzer sounded as Francis' shot fell, and the Magic celebrated before racing off the court when they saw the officials consulting.

"I heard the horn go off, so as far as I was concerned the game was over." Davis said.

But his counterpart didn't see it that way.

"I think the question was not whether the shot was good, but whether the clock started on time," Milwaukee coach Terry Porter said. "It's irrelevant at this point.

After a three-minute review, the referees let the shot stand but reset the clock and brought the Magic back out for Francis' free Francis intentionally missed the foul shot, and time ex-

Francis' heroics were needed because the Magic let a 15-point lead slip away. Milwaukee went up 85-81 with 6:27 remaining on four straight baskets, the first and last coming from Redd.

"I know there are no moral victories, but we played hard and that's a good sign for us," said Redd, who led five Bucks in double-figure scoring

The teams then traded points until the end, with two ties and four lead changes before Francis'

"They made some plays, we made some plays," Porter said. "And they made the last play." Hill made 10 of 21 shots in his first regular-season action since

Orlando Magic guard Steve Francis, left, scores the winning basket with 0.2 seconds left in the game as he is fouled by Milwaukee Bucks guard Maurice Williams in Orlando, Fla., on Wednesday night.

Jan. 16, 2003. After sitting out last season following the fourth operation on his left ankle, Hill was relieved to be critical of his game (four turnovers and only four rehounds) rather than his health

"It was fun for me to be out there, fun for us to be out there and fun to get the win," said Hill, who played just his 48th game since joining the Magic before the 2000-01 season

Injury-plagued Pacers hold off Cavs in double OT

CLEVELAND - They're limping They're aching. They're wearing casts
And somehow, the Indiana Pacers are 1-0 Ron Artest scored 31 points and Jamaal

Tinsley added 15 points and 14 assists as the banged-up Pacers opened the season with a 109-104 double-overtime victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednes day night. After initially plan-



ning to rest his sore ed to play shortly before tipoff, and then gave the Pacers everything he had, adding nine rebounds in 50 minutes.

"Twenty-five minutes before the game I wasn't playing," said Artest, who knew the

Pacers couldn't afford to have him watch "I wanted to play. I can play with pain." Zydrunas Ilgauskas tied a career high

with 35 points and added 18 rebounds. LeBron James added 28 points, eight assists and five rebounds for Cleveland, which was unable to take advantage of Indiana's injuries

The Pacers were without starters Jer maine O'Neal (sore left foot), Reggie Miller (broken right hand) and Jeff Foster (hip surgery), as well as guard Anthony Johnson (broken right hand).

Three of them sat on Indiana's bench in street clothes, well-dressed and well-paid cheerleaders.

"This was a big win because we were without so many guys," Tinsley said. "But we stuck together and made things hap-

Austin Croshere added 20 points for Indiana and sank a crucial three-pointer with 54.6 seconds left in the second overtime to Jones lost control of the ball, Croshere picked it up in the corner and made his

"It just rolled to me," said Croshere, who was then interrupted by Jones. "That was a pass, Cro," Jones joked.

The Cavaliers made two turnovers before pulling within a point on Robert Traylor's two free throws with 13.9 seconds remaining.

Jones then hit two free throws to put Indiana un 107-104 with 12.1 seconds to go James, who forced overtime with a three-pointer late in regulation, was short on another three and Tinsley put it away

by making two free throws with 4.8 seconds remaining James felt like the Cavaliers let one slip

"We didn't execute down the stretch." he said. "We gave up a lot of easy buckets Too many turnovers, too many missed shots. It was just a tough loss

Cleveland got only four points and six rebounds from Drew Gooden, who the Cavaliers are hoping can fill the void left by Carlos Boozer's departure as a free agent.

Timberwolves 99, Knicks 93: At Minneapolis, MVP Kevin Garnett had 28 points

Latrell Sprewell had 10 points against his former team Sam Cassell added 19 points and 11 assists for the Timberwolves. Stephon Marbury, also up against his old club, led the Knicks with 27 points.

76ers 98, Celtics 95: At Boston, Allen Iverson scored 30 points, five during an 11-0 fourth-quarter run when the 76ers took the lead. Former Celtics coach Jim O'Brien returned to Boston with the Sixers, and the World Series trophy made its first appearance at the FleetCenter.

But the Celtics, in Doc Rivers' del were unable to re-create the success of the Boston Red Sox — or even the Boston team O'Brien coached to the conference finals in Paul Pierce had 35 points and 13 re-

bounds, but missed a three-pointer at the buzzer that could have tied it. Gary Payton making his Boston debut, had six points and eight assists.

Wizards 103, Grizzlies 91: Antawn Jamison scored 34 points as Washington won in the first regular-season game at the new arena in Memphis.

Juan Dixon had 28 points and Jarvis

Hayes added 20 points and nine rebounds for the Wizards, who outscored Memphis 32-11 in the third quarter to take control. Bonzi Wells led Memphis with 19 points

Mayericks 106. Hornets 91: Dirk Nowitzki, Michael Finley and Jerry Stackhouse helped visiting Dallas ruin Byron Scott's coaching debut with the Hornets.

All three scored 19 points, and Dallas had three other players reach double fig-

Baron Davis led the Hornets with 25 oints, and Jamaal Magloire and David Wesley added 11 apiece.

Spurs 101, Kings 85: Tim Duncan scored 30 points and Brent Barry made three three-pointers in his debut with San

Manu Ginobili finished with 24 points and Barry had 16 on 6-for-9 shooting. Duncan had 14 rebounds and Rasho Nesterovic added 12

The Spurs improved to 8-0 in openers since Duncan joined the team in 1997

Suns 112, Hawks 82: Amare Stoudemire had 18 of his 23 points in the first half, helping Phoenix win the opener for

two blocked shots. Joe Johnson scored 17 and Steve Nash had 12 points in his Suns debut.

Jazz 104, Lakers 78: Carlos Boozer had 27 points and 11 rebounds in his Utah debut, Andrei Kirilenko added 16 points and eight blocks, and the Jazz opened the season with a record-setting rout of Los An-

The Lakers made only 20 field goals, three fewer than the previous franchise low. Los Angeles shot 29.4 percent, also the worst in team history.

Matt Harpring finished with 23 points and seven rebounds and Keith McLeod had eight assists - one more than the Lakers — in his first NBA start Kobe Bryant led Los Angeles with 38

points, but Lamar Odom, with 14, was the only other Lakers player in double figures. Trail Blazers 78, Warriors 75: Nick Van Exel scored 13 of his 20 points in the fourth

quarter to help Portland beat his former Mike Dunleavy missed two three-point-

ers in the final seven seconds, including one at the buzzer, spoiling the NBA debut of Warriors coach Mike Montgomery. Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 18 points,

five rebounds and four assists for the Blaz-

Clippers 114, SuperSonics 84: Bobby Simmons scored a career-high 30 points and host Los Angeles routed Seattle to win its opener for the first time in eight years.

The victory also was the most lopsided in an opener in franchise history for the Clippers. The previous largest margin in an opener was a 133-112 over Milwaukee in 1976, when the Clippers were the Buffalo

Rashard Lewis had 24 for Seattle

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McGrady, Yao still looking for victory

TORONTO - The big two are 0.2

Chris Bosh had 20 points and the Toronto Raptors handed Tracy McGrady and the Houston Rockets their second straight loss, 95-88 on Wednesday night.

Houston's duo of McGrady and Yao Ming improved from their poor performance against the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday, but not enough to save the Rockets. McGrady, acquired in the offseason, scored 21 points, but only two in the fourth quarter.

Yao, who had just seven points against Detroit, finished with 17 points and six turnovers.

"Just because we're un-and-coming superstars in the league doesn't mean we're going to win every game," McGrady said. "There are a lot of new faces on this club. We're still trying to feel each other out."

McGrady said they just don't know what the other is going to do on offense

"I'm waiting for Yao to do his thing in the post. He's waiting for me to attack," McGrady said. "Did I think it was going to click right away? Not at all." Vince Carter, who asked for a

trade this summer, added 16 points and six assists for the Raptors to help Sam Mitchell win in his first game as Toronto's coach Mitchell has been urging his players to exude more confi-

Toronto finished 33-49 last sea son, missing the playoffs for the second straight season.

"All it takes is a big win against a quality team," Mitchell said. "If you have confidence that your shot is going to fall, if you have confidence that you can contend night in and night out, you can go out and compete with anybody."

Jalen Rose added 17 points for

the Raptors, one of four players to score 15 or more points. Point guard Rafer Alston, a free agent signing in the offseason, had 15 points, eight assists and seven rebounds.



Houston Rockets Tracy McGrady, top, dunks as Toronto Raptors

Donyell Marshall looks on during hte first half on Wednesday. New Toronto center Loren

Woods held Yao in check. "Going into the game I was hearing a lot of talk about how I

didn't have a chance against Yao and how it was going to be the biggest advantage for Houston. Woods said. "So I just stepped up to the challenge." Juwan Howard's hook shot cut

Toronto's lead to four points with five minutes left, but Carter followed with a three-pointer from the corner and Bosh made a running jumper in traffic to make it 86-78 with 3:27 left.

Alston later stole the ball from Yao and assisted on Donyell Marshall's jumper, giving Toronto an 88-80 lead with 1:46 left.

Houston's Charlie Ward made a three-pointer to cut the lead to five with 1:31 remaining, but Cart er found Woods for dunk with 46 seconds left.

"You can lose a game in many places and we lost the game in many places," Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "Getting blown out early, making a run back and then getting hammered again right before the half, then again at the end.

Debut: Opener shows Nets 'have a long way to go' DEBUT. FROM BACK PAGE got into us, and told us defensive-

Kidd sat behind the Nets' bench with his son, T.J.

"If we lose, it's because of the players out there," Jefferson said, "not because of ghosts of Christmas past.

Miami hit nearly 69 percent of its shots in the first quarter in jumping to a 29-15 lead. The Nets made their only run in the second quarter, shooting 63 percent and getting eight points apiece from Planinic and Ron Mercer to close within 46-41.

"We came in at halftime and coach [Stan Van Gundy] really ly is where it is going to happen, Wade said. The Heat limited New Jersey to

15 third-quarter points en route to handing the Nets their worst opening-night loss. The previous worst was a 22-point setback to Houston in 1993 "We're very disappointed with our performance," Nets coach

Lawrence Frank said. "We have a long way to go."

Damon Jones emphasized that after the game.

"I haven't had that many open shots since I played Pee-Wee ball with my brother when I was 5. he said

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Mets lure Randolph away from Yankees; Phils select Manuel

BY RONALD BLUM

NEW YORK — Willie Randolph is moving

The longtime New York Yankees coach was hired Wednesday night by the Mets, taking over as manager of a troubled team trying to compete with its crosstown rival for success, free agents and fans.

Randolph takes over from Art Howe, fired at the end of the season. The six-time All-Star was to be introduced Thursday during a news conference at Shea Stadium

Filling the other remaining managerial opening, Charlie Manuel was to be introduced Thursday by the Philadelphia Phillies as the replacement for Larry Bowa, who was fired on the final weekend of the season. The 60-year-old Manuel, who managed Cleveland from 2000-02, inherits a talented but underachieving club that hasn't reached the playoffs since 1993.

Also Wednesday, Houston removed the interim tag from manager Phil Garner, who took over from Jimy Williams at the All-Star break and led the Astros to the playoffs. Garner received a two-year contract with a team option for 2007.

In New York, Randolph met Wednesday with new general manager Omar Minaya, who also had second interviews with the other finalists, Texas hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo and former Houston and Anaheim manager Terry Collins.

Randolph was a standout second baseman who spent 13 seasons with the Yankees, was a co-captain and helped win World Series titles as a player in 1977 and 1978, plus four more as a coach. He also played for Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Oakland and Milwaukee before fin-

Angeles, Oakland and Milwaukee before inishing his career with the Mets in 1992. He said last month he had interviewed unsuccessfully in the past for 11 or 12 manageri-

"I thought it was very beneficial to have this second round," Minaya said late in the afternoon, before the deal was finalized. "It gives





Charlie Manuel, left, who lasted managed with the Cleveland Indians in 2003 before moving to Philadelphia as hitting coach, will become the Phillies manager. Willie Randolph, a longtime player and coach with the New York Yankees. will become manager of the crosstown Mets.

me a better feel for the decision I have to

At that time, he wouldn't say who the front-runner was, but his description of what he wanted fit Randolph perfectly.

"I'm looking for a person, a manager, that's going to have good work ethics, going to communicate with the players, communicate with the front office on a daily basis," Minaya said. "I'm looking for a manager that's going to be able to delegate to the staff. I'm looking for a manager that's going to the transparent of the community."

Minaya's new manager will have a year-round job, talking frequently with the minor league staff and farm director and visiting instructional and winter leagues during the offseason. The 50-year-old Randolph moved to bench coach under Yankees manager Joe Torre last season after 10 years coaching third base for the Yankees.

"I'm looking for a guy at the end of the day

that has leadership qualities," Minaya said.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner is-

sued a statement Thursday wishing Randolph good luck.

"Willie Randolph was a great Yankee and valued member of our coaching staff. He's made valued contributions to many of our championship teams as both a player and coach." Steinbrenner said.

"He will be missed but he's truly earned this position."

Randolph nearly was hired by Cincinnati after the 2000 season but withdrew from consideration after the Reds offered a relatively short contract at a below-market salary.

He becomes the fourth black manager in the major leagues, criticized by some for a lack of blacks in management positions, and the first in New York. The others currently managing are the Chicago Cubs' Dusty Baker, the Expos' Frank Robinson and Pittsburgh's Lloyd McClendon.

Coming off consecutive last-place finishes, the Mets had a promising first half in 2004 before collapsing after the All-Star break. They finished fourth in the NL East at 71-91, and Howe was fired halfway through a four-year contract.

MLB plans Dom. Rep. exhibitions this spring

The Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — The major leagues plan to put some 2005 spring training games in the Dominican Republic, returning exhibition baseball to the country after a five-year absence. Baseball "wants to strengthen

Baseball "wants to strengthen its ties with the Dominican Republic," said Lou Melendez, the commissioner's international operations director.

No dates or teams were announced.

Major league teams last played spring training games in the Caribbean country in 2000, when the Boston Red Sox played the Houston Astros twice.

Major League Baseball has held eight exhibition tours in the capital of Santo Domingo since

Built in 1955, Quisqueya Stadium is the best baseball park in the country, but it doesn't satisfy U.S. baseball's requirements to host official games. Dominican authorities planned to rebuild or remodel the stadium four years ago, but work on it never began

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In August, President Leonel
Fernandez said the government
might approve a \$75 million
project to build a modern stadium
in the center of the capital.

"Every year, the baseball industry injects more than \$70 million into the Dominican Republic. Major League Baseball is a great friend of the Dominican people," Melendez said. There were more than 100

There were more than 100 major leaguers from the Dominican Republic playing in the major leagues this season, more than from any country outside the United States.

Turin Olympic chief steps down in power struggle

The Associated Pres

al openings.

ROME — Just 15 months before the start of the Olympic Winter Games, the chief organizer of the 2006 event in Turin is quitting in a power struggle with the Italian government.

ganizing committee TOROC, said Thursday he will submit his resignation during a board meeting on Nov. 24.

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Castellan left undermined by the government's nomination of Mario Pescante, culture ministry undersecretary and former head of the Italian Olympic Committee, as overall supervisor for the Feb. 10-26, 2006 Games.

Pescante's appointment was confirmed during a meeting in Rome on Wednesday.

"The powers given to Pescante ... represent a lack of confidence in the work done here up until now, and above all, in the capacity to continue it," Castellani said in a statement.

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TOROC has come under sharp criticism for a million-dollar budget shortfall. The Games have also been hindered by a lack of public awareness and enthusiasm in Italy.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge met with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi last month to press the government to step up support for the Games and encourage state companies to sign up as sponsors.

The right-leaning government responded by appointing Pescante as supervisor, a position that Castellani felt came into direct conflict with his own man-

"That's it. It's not worth trying to work this way anymore," Castellani, a former left-leaning mayor of Turin, said.

There was no indication of who may succeed Castellani. in announcing Pescante's appointment that his role would not clash with that of Castellani. But the latter considered it a personal attack.

"You can't occupy a position of responsibility like mine and not have the faith and support of all the people who have a responsibility for organizing the Olympics," Castellani said.

Gianni Petrucci, president of the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) and one of the members of the commission that nominated Pescante, said he was sorry that Castellani was resigning. But he said Pescante's nomination was backed by all sides, not just the

Roddick, Henman upset in Paris Masters

PARIS — Top-seeded Andy Roddick and defending champion Tim Henman were upset in the third round of the Paris Masters on Thursday. Roddick lost 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 to qualifier Max Mirnyi and Henman was beaten 7-5, 6-1 by unseeded Mikhail Youzhny. Youzhny, who recently won his

second career title at St. Petersburg, faces a quarterfinal against Radek Stepanek, a 6-2, 6-3 winner over No. 17 Vince Spadea. In other action, second-seeded

In other action, second-seeded Lleyton Hewitt reached the quarterfinals when No. 14 Nicolas Massu quit with a thigh injurwhile trailing 4-3 in the first set, No. 13 Guillermo Canas beat Tommy Haas 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 and Feliciano Lopez defeated No. 11 Andrei Pavel 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. Pavel was last year's runner-up.

Maryland extends Yow's deal

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow signed a two-year contract extension through August

Yow is in her 11th year as AD, during which Maryland has won nine NCAA championships and 33 tournament or regular-season championships in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Summers leads in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam — Anthony Summers of Australia shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead after the opening round of the inaugural Vietnam

Scott Barr was one shot behind and Jason Dawes and Thaworm Wiratchant shot 68.

Corey Pavin, the 1995 U.S. Open champion whose Vietnamese wife, Lisa, was his caddie,

GM won't supply IRL engines INDIANAPOLIS — General

Motors will stop supplying Chevrolet engines to the Indy Racing League after the 2005 season, citing the circuit's falling TV ratings and expensive competition from Honda and Toyota.

GM Racing director Doug Du-

chardt said Wednesday the value of the IRL "no longer met our business objectives."

Spurrier rules out returning to Florida

BY MARK LONG

The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Steve Spurrier felt his time with the

Florida Gators had passed.

After spending more than a week thinking about it, Spurrier decided Thursday to remove his name from consideration to replace Ron Zook.

"He said he's done his thing here and he just thinks it's better for us to go find a coach who will Stoops, Meyer, Tedford considered top candidates to replace Zook

be here for the next 10 or 15 years," athletic director Jeremy Foley said.

The Gators won six Southeastern Conference championships and the 1996 national title under Spurrier. He posted 122 victories over 12 seasons, tormented opponents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and left town with the best winning percentage in leavne history. Zook, who was hired in 2002 when Spurrier left to coach the Washington Redskins, was fired last week after the latest in a series of embarrassing losses, but will finish the season. Spurrier, who quit the Redskins after two losing seasons, was widely considered the leading candidate for the open job.

Foley and Spurrier exchanged several phone messages this week, trying to set up an interview with school president Bernie Machen after the season.

"They were obviously making an effort to meet with me," Spurrier said in a statement. But Spurrier's latest message ended all speculation about re-

turning to his alma mater, Foley said. "When I departed three years ago, there were several reasons why I believed it was time to move on," Spurrier said. "Other than simply wanting to coach in the NFL someday, I also believed that 12 years at Florida was probably long enough. Many people in football believe that around 10-12 years in the same job is about the maximum time a coach should

Some close to the 59-year-old Spurrier say he doesn't want his career to end on a losing note, and predict he will give the NFL another shot. It could come soon.

With Thursday's announcement there was almost immediate speculation that Spurrier would end up in Miami with the Dolphins — even though Dave Wannstedt has not been fired.

"I have not been offered any coaching job by any team, and I'm not searching for one," Spurrier said.

Spurrier's decision, though, should make Florida's coaching search easier.

Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, Utah's Urban Meyer and Cal's Jeff Tedford are considered possible candidates

Stoops, who spent three seasons as Spurrier's defensive coordinator at Florida, has repeatedly denied interest in the Gators job. But a university source speaking on the condition of anonymity said Stoops might reconsider with Spurrier out of the picture.

Machen hired Meyer at Utah in December 2002, and Meyer's diverse offense would be welcomed in Gainesville after Zook failed with his NFL-style approach. But Meyer has no ties to Florida, which would make recruiting touch.

Tedford has spent his entire career on the West Coast, but he could be the perfect blend between Spurrier and Zook. Hot quarterback-tailored system has turned Cal into one of the top offenses in the nation, and his recruiting efforts match anyone in the country.



NHL cancels All-Star Game

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In another sign the NHL season is slipping away, the league canceled its All-Star Game Wednesday because of the lockout

No regular-season games have been played since the season was scheduled to begin Oct. 13, and NHL arenas have been given the go-ahead to release dates on a 45-day rolling basis. With the All-Star Game off the schedule, the next announcement could be the cancellation of the entire season.

The lockout, which entered its 49th day on Wednesday, was imposed by Commissioner Gary Bettman after the colective bargaining agreement expired on Sept. 15. Bettman declined comment on the cancellation of the game, which was scheduled to be held in Atlanta in February.

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Injured O'Neal big in debut

In Mourning's first game since kidney transplant, he can't contain Heat's 'massive' new center

BY TOM CANAVAN The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. The greatest center in Miami history isn't sure that adding Shaqui-lle O'Neal to the Heat lineup makes them a sure thing for the NBA Finals.

To be blunt, Alonzo Mourning thinks a good team can beat the Heat if they can get O'Neal in foul trouble

The problem for Mourning is that he plays for the New Jersey Nets, a team that was decimated by offseason moves.

O'Neal toyed with Mourning and his mates on Wednesday night in his Heat regular-seaso debut, shooting 7-for-9 from the field for 16 points in a 100-77 win.

The contest also marked Mourning's first official game since getting a kidney transplant in December. "It's a good team, but they are

vulnerable, they are very vulnerable," Mourning said of the Heat, who reached the Eastern Conference semifinals last year. Mourning, who spent seven sea-

sons in Miami, insisted a good defensive team could shut down the shooters and the driving lane and give the Heat major problems.

"It's just a matter of approaching the game a little bit better defensively, but they are definitely vulnerable," Mourning said. "When the big fella goes out they rely on jump shooters and Dwyane Wade's penetration.'

O'Neal, acquired from the Lakers in the offseason for three starters and a first-round draft pick. was limited to 21 minutes by a hamstring injury that made his availability a game-time decision.

His best stretch came early in the fourth quarter when he bullied his way past Mourning for three baskets inside.

On one series, O'Neal caught the ball deep in the low post, used his oversized posterior to bump Mourning out of the way, then dropped in a layup with no one else around

On his next trip downcourt, O'Neal freed himself with a shove to the back that the referees didn't see before knocking down a short jump hook.

Moments later, O'Neal got the ball in the low left block and hit a 10-foot baseline turnaround over Mourning for an 83-60 lead

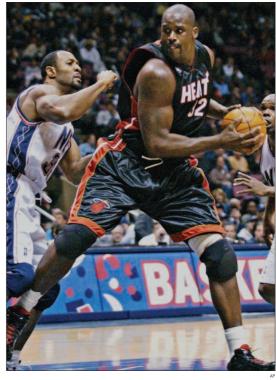
"It was one-on-one coverage, and I don't know anybody in this league that can guard him one on one," said Mourning, who finished with seven points, five rebounds and four fouls in 14 min-utes. "I don't care if he has a pulled hamstring or he is slow the man is big. He is a massive individual.

O'Neal had help against the Nets. Wade had 21 points, six assists and five rebounds. Udonis Haslem had 18 points, Rasual Butler 16. Damon Jones 15 and Eddie Jones 10.

Richard Jefferson had 19 points and Zoran Planinic came off the bench to add 11 for New Jersey, which looked nothing like the team that went to the NBA Finals in 2002 and '03 and the second round last year, losing to eventual NBA champion Detroit.

In the offseason, All-Star forward Kenyon Martin was traded to Denver and starting shooting guard Kerry Kittles was shipped to the Clippers. All-Star point guard Jason Kidd is starting the season on the injured list after knee surgery in July

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Heat center Shaquile O'Neal looks to make a move against Nets center Alonzo Mourning during the third quarter. Despite a hamstring injury, O'Neal made a successful debut for Miami, scoring 16 points.



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